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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

THE Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Regular Session, in the Reformed Church of Paramus, N. J., on Tuesday, May 3, 1881, at 3.30 o'clock, P. M., and continued in session until Wednesday evening, May 4th.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. James Le Fevre, the President of the last Synod, who preached the Synodical Sermon on Tuesday evening from Luke 17:20, 21: "And when He was demanded of the Pharisees when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said: 'The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here! or Lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you.'"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen—Ministers, Rev. Isaac E. House, George Seibert, Peter V. Van Buskirk. *Elder,* Isaac D. Demarest.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Rev. Cornelius Brett, William R. Duryee, D.D. *Elders,* Hon. Lewis A. Brigham, James P. Zabriskie.

Classis of Monmouth.—Minister, Rev. Garret C. Schenck.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Rev. Oscar Gesner, Jacob O. Van Fleet. *Elders*, James Traphagen, Philip P. Van Arsdale.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Minister, Rev. James Le Fevre. *Elders*, Jacob Wyckoff, Peter A. Voorhees.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Rev. John H. Duryea, D.D., John A. Van Neste, Vernon B. Carroll. *Elders*, G. A. N. Ackerman, J. T. Hearing, Thomas Welling.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, Rev. P. T. Pockman, Benj. V. D. Wyckoff. *Elders*, J. G. Hopper, William Bush.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Rev. Isaac Collier, John Hart. *Elder*, John Addis, Jr.

Classis of Raritan.—Minister, Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Cornelius Brett was elected *President*.

Rev. Isaac Collier was elected *Adsessor*.

Rev. John Hart and Rev. Benj. V. D. Wyckoff were elected *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Vernon B. Carroll, William R. Duryee. *Elder,* William Bush.

On Classical Minutes.—Rev. Isaac E. House, John A. Van Neste. *Elder,* Thomas Welling.

On Classical Reports.—Rev. George Seibert, H. F. Schnellendreussler. *Elder,* Jacob Wyckoff.

On Overtures and Judical Business.—Rev. Oscar Gesner, Vernon B. Carroll. *Elder,* Jas. P. Zabriskie.

On Nominations.—Rev. James Le Fevre, Garret C. Schenck. *Elder,* Philip P. Van Arsdale.

On the Questorate.—Rev. Jacob O. Van Fleet, Oscar Gesner. *Elder,* Peter A. Voorhees.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter was received from Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, certifying that Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., Rev. Lewis Francis, and Elder Jacob L. Sutphen, were chosen to present to the Synod the interests of our Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany and Chicago, and of the General Synod for 1880, were received and presented for the inspection of Synod.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes made the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New Brunswick, Albany and Chicago, and of the General Synod, all of the year 1880, and that they find nothing demanding the attention of this Synod.

VERNON B. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following report:

We find no change in the number of the Churches, but in the number of ministers, seven less than last year. The membership of the Church has increased 349. Six Sunday-schools, with 1,269 scholars less than last year are reported. There is a marked increase in contributions for benevolence, to the amount of $15,800, but for congregational objects, a decrease of $18,130. Both are good signs. Enlarged contributions indicating greater love for Christ and His cause. In relation to congregational expenses, the larger amount raised last year over this year implies that a great effort was made to wipe out long-standing debts, and this year's decrease shows that the effort was successful.

Many of the ministers complain of the apparent failure to reach the hearts and consciences of their hearers, and the question is seriously asked, "Are we sufficiently faithful in preaching the Gospel?"

It seems to your Committee that the reason why there is not a greater increase of membership, lies not in the failure to preach the Gospel earnestly, but originates in the failure to bring into efficient operation the personal activities of the individual members of the Church. The Church grows outwardly in proportion as it grows inwardly. For we read, "The work of the Lord prospered when the people had a mind to work."

We explain the decrease of seven ministers in part by the fact that one has gone as missionary to India, and four have died, viz: the Rev. B. C. Taylor, of Bergen, Rev. Charles H. Stitt, of Bayonne, Rev. I. H. Collier, of the Classis of Passaic, Rev. Charles T. Krueger, of East Newark.

These removals impress us with the great importance of renewed zeal and faithfulness, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

We call attention to the Reports of the different Classes appended hereto, for further information.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. SEIBERT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of the Churches beg leave to present the following report:

We are glad to notice the presence of reports from all of the Churches, except that of Fort Lee, which is really a Church only in name, and whose name among the records only misleads by suggesting a living organization, such as does not appear to exist.

In none of the Churches has there been any noticeable activity of religious life, at the same time there are none without accessions from the world. The continuance of the stated means of grace on the Sabbath and week days, together with the necessary contributions to Home and Foreign Church work during the long period of business depression, gives cause for gratitude to the great Provider, and occasion for hope of renewed zeal and better days. The Churches of Guttenberg

and Central Avenue, Jersey City, together with the Third Church of Hackensack, are vacant.

That of Guttenburg is supplied by the services of an acceptable minister; and the others have just been deprived of their pastors, by removal to other Classes. There appears to be general harmony and devotion within our bounds, but the demands of the day, the evils of the times, and the opportunities of usefulness, together with the cry of souls about to perish, call for humiliation and renewed zeal in every quarter. Chiefly we feel that there must be something in the times, which gives rise to the small impression made by the truth among the masses of mankind. Can it be that the doctrines of the Gospel are not as impressively, as positively and perhaps as offensively preached as they might be? One thing is certain, that the conformity of many professors of religion to the world, is no benefit to the cause of Christ. How many of these are there who never conceal their unbelief of the positive truths of revelation, while the press multiplies the latitudinarian utterances of the ministers of Satan in our sanctuaries, and groans with the products of infidel lecturers, and scientists so-called? Above all the neglect of the Sabbath, and the universal spread of the Sunday issues of the secular daily papers, demoralizes the whole community, obliterating the distinction between holy and common truth, and the difference between "him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not."

While the general condition of all the Churches, as respects temporal prospects and efficacy, is manifest from the reports, the principal instances of encouragement in spiritual matters are those from the Second Church of Hackensack, Schraalenberg, Hoboken, German Evangelical, Hoboken, Central Ave., and Park Reformed, Jersey City, North Bergen, and Closter. In all these there is a gratifying increase of members from the world, and of new means of extended usefulness. The Park Reformed and the ancient Church of the English Neighborhood, are especially entitled to the sympathies of the Classis, in view of the losses by death of members of Consistory, of whom special notice is taken of Stephen Martling and John H. Smythe, whose presence as delegates to Classis will be no more enjoyed by us.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. V. V. MABON, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of the Churches would report as follows: Our Consistorial reports are wanting in any marked features of special spiritual interest. There are indications, however, of a healthy, vigorous life in all the Churches. The statistics, which are not complete, show an increase in the membership. In donations for religious and benevolent purposes, there is an increase of $1,223.60, and in those for congregational purposes an advance of $2,803.

The Church of Bergen reports a small increase in membership. There is a flourishing Sunday-school needing larger room. Financially the Church is healthy and improving. The report closes with a tender allusion to the death of the venerable Pastor, Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin C. Taylor, as well as to the death of six others, who were useful and beloved members of the Church for many years.

The *First Church of Jersey City* reports nothing of special interest beyond the facts presented in its statistical table.

The *First Church of Bayonne* finds occasion for encouragement and thanksgiving in all external matters. There is union in church work, and a large reduction in the church debt. With a strong inner spiritual life, a prosperous Sunday-school, good attendance and attention at the church services and prayer-meeting, there is a promise of better things for Bayonne in the near future.

The *First Church of Van Vorst, (Second Jersey City)*, reports that the experience of the past year—all things considered—furnishes abundant cause for gratitude to God and encouragement for the future.

The *Church of Bergen Point* reports a manifest growth in both spiritual and temporal matters. Peace and harmony prevail with a clearer sense of personal responsibility, indicating love for the Master and His work.

The *Second Church of Hudson City* praises God for an enlarged and beautiful house of worship. The improvements have been nearly paid for. All the means of grace are well attended, the parochial school and Sunday-school are doing a good work.

The *Lafayette Church of Jersey City* reports a steady spiritual growth, financial prosperity, and a growing Sunday-school calling for larger accommodations.

The *Church of Greenville* rejoices in the retrospect of the first decade of its existence. The review shows large growth in every department of church work. There is deep regret over the resignation of the first and only pastor, this action having been made imperative by other pressing duties resting upon him.

The *Free Church of Jersey City* reports an advance all along the line with an outlook in many respects more hopeful than at any former period. It greatly needs a better house of worship.

The *Third Church of Bayonne* sends only a partially filled statistical table.

The *South Bergen Church* reports a healthy activity with marked improvement in nearly every department of church life.

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. Wm. L. Elterich was dismissed from the Third Church of Bayonne, and from the Classis, Sept. 16, 1880, in order to take charge of an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alleghany City, Pa. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Alex. H. Young and the Church of Greenville was dissolved January 20, 1881.

The Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., Pastor Emeritus, of the Church of Bergen, died Feb. 2, 1881.

[The Rev. Charles H. Stitt, D.D., Pastor of the First Church of Bayonne, died April 20, 1881, the day after the meeting of Classis. S. C.]

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MATTICE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The Committee on the State of Religion, in making their report, are pleased to say that they have received reports from all the Churches, with the exception of the vacant Church at Spottswood. The view of the Churches obtained from these reports, when formed in one picture, is a scene of mingled light and darkness, such as may precede a cloudy, starless night, or herald the effulgent blessings of a glorious day. Whether we should mourn: "Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out;" or whether we should rejoice, because "the night is far spent and the day is at hand," are questions which your Committee believe



to be fully answered by the hopeful, expectant attitude of every laborer in the vineyard. All the Churches, with the exception of one, that has *already* heard the Master's voice saying, "Arise and shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee," are evidently of those who, with the Psalmist, are saying, "I wait for the Lord, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. I say more than they that watch for the morning." Such confident expectation will not be disappointed. Such hope is evidence that the sun is in the East; that the shadows are fleeing; that the day is at hand; "for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him there is plentious redemption."

While there has been a net gain of thirty-five in Church membership, four of the Churches report a diminished number in full communion, and the gain in all the other Churches, with one exception, is only eighteen. The First Church of Long Branch has been most graciously and signally blessed. The Lord has been pleased there to magnify His grace, and "to do great things for us, whereof we are glad." Fifty-nine have been added to the communion of the Church; of which number fifty-one were received by a confession of faith in Jesus Christ; and of these, thirty-three were baptized. The bright light is certainly in the East, and its cheering rays should awaken our doubts to the liveliest gratitude, prompting us, with glad hearts, to exclaim, "Bless the Lord, O, my soul! and all that is within me bless His holy name." As compared with last year, there is an increase of forty-one families, but a decrease in the total number received by confession and certificate of forty-one, while the loss by dismission and death exceeds that of last year by sixteen.

The temporal affairs of the congregations seem to be in a flourishing condition. Second Freehold, First Long Branch, Asbury Park and Middletown, rejoice because of liquidated or lessened debt, while First Freehold is about achieving the same delightful consummation.

The contributions for religious and benevolent purposes are largely in excess of those of last year; amounting to $1,630.76; while the contributions for congregational purposes, amounting to $16,845.18, are $2,537.51 less than those of last year. This is as it should be; less for self and more for God. The

outlook, your Committee thinks, is, therefore, quite cheering. We have held our own; we have strengthened foundations; we are in better working order than a year ago. There is a hopeful spirit in all the Churches. There is a universal determination to work on faithfully. There is strong reliance upon the promises of the Gospel. There is every evidence that, having gathered the first fruits, we will soon be permitted to reap the full harvest. May God, in His mercy, hasten the day, and may we, each in our appointed spheres, wait its coming, assured that "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

According to custom, we append the following extracts from the reports of the Churches:

First Freehold reports a year "of spiritual drought." They say "the services of the sanctuary have been regularly maintained, but very little fruit has been gathered."

The Holmdel, while reporting a reduced membership, occasioned by death and removal, says, "We still live and trust in the God that lives, and in the power of His Gospel to restore and build up the waste places. We have reason to feel that the people still love the sanctuary and the ordinances of God's house."

Spotswood is vacant and sends no report.

Middletown reports extensive repairs and alterations to their house of worship, which prevented its use for three months, during which they worshiped in a hall. They say "the attendance was remarkably well sustained throughout the year."

Second Freehold makes its report "with feelings of mingled sorrow and gladness;" sorrow because of the ravages of death; gladness because dead souls have been made alive, and the burden of indebtedness resting upon the Church removed. The Church is evidently increasing in every element of strength."

Keyport says the past year "has been one of blessing. In several important respects the Church is better off than it was last Spring. It has more families and more members, and we believe more faith."

First Long Branch characterizes the year as "one of great blessing. A year of the right hand of the Most High; reviving the members of the Church and increasing their number." During the months of February and March a remarkable revival was experienced, adding to the Church a number equal to about one-third of the membership last Spring.



Colt's Neck says that "although the ingathering of souls has been small, the year has not been fruitless. There is manifest seriousness in some portions of the congregation, and those converted during the revival of the previous year have been strengthened and established, and give most satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God."

Highlands sends the cheering intelligence that they are "in a more hopeful condition spiritually than they have ever been." The Sabbath-school is increasing in number; the tent services have been well attended, and the fields seem ripe for the harvest. They feel the need of a church on the upland for special use in the Summer; and we can but unite with them in the earnest prayer that the Lord, in His Providence, will open the way and provide the means.

Asbury Park reports a year of great blessing. There has been a net increase of five in membership, and the Church has been placed on a sound financial basis. They say, "we feel like praising the Lord, and do praise Him whenever we review the situation. The first day of May, 1881, we expect to be able to say, with full hearts, 'we owe no man anything but love.'"

East Long Branch reports "no special change in the regular current of church work. The services last Summer were more largely attended by the strangers than in former seasons," and during the Winter "the first fruits of some religious interest which may still bear greater fruits, were gathered. Upon the whole the future of the Church is promising."

It only remains for us to say that during the year the pastoral relation between the Rev. Ralph Willis and the Church at Spottswood has been dissolved, and that the pastoral relation between the Rev. James B. Wilson and the Second Church of Long Branch has also been dissolved, and Mr. Wilson dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island.

THEO. W. WELLS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report that while the records of the Churches during the past year have not given evidence of any special influence of the Divine Spirit in converting grace, there is yet abundant ground for encouragement, since the usual blessing bestowed

upon faithful labor for the Master has not been withheld. The fruits of the Spirit manifest in an increased spirit of liberality are unmistakable, and one of the Churches of our Classis has devoted to benevolent purposes a larger amount than was a year previous included in the sum of all the benevolence of the Classis. In accordance with the request of General Synod, we glean from the reports of the Consistories the following items of interest:

The Church of Irvington, while passing through serious financial difficulties, has been blessed by "a harmonious and determined effort to remove the indebtedness on the church property." While deploring the loss of valuable service to the Church through the removal of three persons from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, they are happy in recording an increased efficiency and interest in the Sabbath-school of the Church.

The Second Church of Newark presents its thirty-third annual report, and the seventh of the present pastorate. While the past year shows no gain in the aggregate of Church members, there has been, under the present pastorate, an addition of twenty-five members after deductions by death and removals during the past seven years. The great change in the population in this part of the city since this Church was established and the gradual absorption of residences for business establishments is contracting their field of labor, and, as their report shows, imperilling their existence. An occupation of some district of the city where a nucleus might be obtained, around which to gather an increasing congregation, seems desirable if our denomination would not lessen its numerical strength in the city of Newark.

The Church of Plainfield comes to us with its first annual report, and every line is one of encouragement. The Church organized with fifty-seven members, and in twelve months has added seventy-one to its roll. Already seventy-five families are identified with them in church work, and their existence may no longer be considered a feeble one, but with the power of God revealed in their midst they must take rank among the vigorous Churches of our Classis. The three months of the present pastorate has been accompanied by a continued flow of God's bountiful spirit in all the avenues of their denominational life. The utterance of our Classis will harmonize with



the closing sentence of their report: When we think of all that has been done for us and through us during the past year of our history we look up with gratitude and say, "The Lord hath been mindful of us," not forgetting our faith and hope. "He will bless us."

The Clinton Avenue Reformed Church reports a season of "continued temporal prosperity, mingled with spiritual favors, which calls forth united thanksgiving to God." They attribute a stimulus to "more direct and personal interest in the Foreign Mission work through the benediction meeting held December 19, 1880, to give God speed of our Reformed Churches in this city to Rev. John W. Conklin and wife just before their departure for the Arcot Mission, India." A very flourishing branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society is doing most efficient service in the support of the Head Master of the Female Seminary at Chittoor. We would earnestly desire that all pastors and consistories within the bounds of our Classis would welcome and aid the efforts of this highly useful agency to establish auxiliaries within our Churches. The Clinton Avenue Church has contributed to all the benevolent agencies of the General Synod within the year, and are grateful that "the even flow of their Church life has kept up and onward, not only without any serious hindrance, but with some appreciable advance in all their interests."

The North Church of Newark reports a continuance of God's favor, although they are yet without a pastor. There has been no diminution in the attendance upon the usual meetings of the Church, and their Sabbath-school and Mission meetings have been of growing interest. They have contributed from their Church funds $4,100 for educational purposes in Rutger's College, and $3,484.27 to the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Church of Stone House Plains is happy in obtaining the services of Rev. J. C. Van Fleet, who has been installed within the year, and is hoping that in "answer to the prayers of the faithful and by the use of the Divinely appointed means the quickening spirit will specially supply all their needs and prosper His cause."

The Church of Belleville reports an increase in the benevolence of the Church, although many families of sanctified means have removed from their bounds. They also report an addition of $2,000 to the invested funds of the Church, the in-

terest of which amount the benevolent donor has requested to be devoted to the payment of the pastor's salary.

The Church of Franklin reports nothing of unusual importance as transpiring within their bounds.

The Church of Linden is thankful that another year has manifested a steady and quiet growth, while doing bravely the work of their Master. They report a slight gain in all the interests of their Church, and a small reduction of their debt.

The German Church of West Newark speaks of prosperity and hopes to be able in the present year to pay off the mortgage upon their Church property. They report an attendance of 400, and at times 500, at the Sabbath services and have a very flourishing Parochial school.

The Church of East Orange speaks of an advance in the interest of their Church in all that relates to the honor of Christ's Kingdom. The congregations have increased, and the membership is developing its power for good in their community.

The Church of Woodside has not sent its report, but we are glad to know that since they have obtained the services of the Rev. W. H. Broadhead they are most hopeful and encouraged in the number of additions already made to their communion.

The First Church of Newark reports a large increase in the attendance upon their Sabbath services, and their contributions are larger than in any previous year. Their Spiritual interests are in a most hopeful condition.

In view of these facts, it becomes us as a Classis to be grateful to the Great Head of the Church for His grace revealed in our different Churches, and possess an increased stimulus in the blessed work He has committed to our hands.

The following changes have occurred during the year:

Rev. C. R. Blauvelt has been dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and Rev. Joseph R. Duryee to the Classis of New York.

The pastoral relation between Rev. John Kershaw and the Church of Stone House Plains has been dissolved, and the Rev. J. O. Van Fleet has been installed as his successor.

Rev. H. M. Voorhees was installed, April 29, 1881, over the Church of Belleville, and Rev. A. T. V. Raymond was installed, February 3, 1881, as pastor of the Church at Plainfield, N. J.

Rev. Chas. H. T. Krueger, the loved pastor of the East Church of Newark, has heard the call of the Master: "Come

up higher," and while we mourn his loss to the Church where he so effectively labored for souls, we submissively bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. VOORHEES, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in our Churches beg leave to present the following: We have little of importance to report, such as Revivals of Religion, or large accessions to our communion; and in doing the work of the Master that has been assigned us, we feel sometimes inclined to sadness, and with the Prophet to say, "Who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" We know that it is a great and good work in which we are engaged; but how often do our hands hang down, and our hearts become discouraged. Yet, we are not altogether without cause for thankfulness, in that the Great Head of the Church, has not withdrawn from us the manifestation of his grace, as He justly might have done for our lukewarm and imperfect services.

During the past year, we have maintained the regular administration of Gospel ordinances in all our congregations, and not, as we trust, without some measure of success. Social prayer-meetings, Sabbath-school and Religious instruction generally, appear to have been well maintained, which we are disposed to regard as hopeful signs of good results yet to be enjoyed by us. The Week of Prayer was observed by all our Churches, and in several School districts within our bounds, and was a refreshing season to many; and as the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much, we hope in God's own time to realize an answer.

The different Churches report substantially as follows:

First New Brunswick having been without a settled pastor, simply reports statistics.

Six Mile Run.—No extraordinary spiritual interest has been manifest in the Church during the past year, but a healthful state of religious feeling, general growth under the faithful administration of the word and ordinances, together with an increased liberality on the part of the members, to religious and benevolent objects.

Hillsborough says, there is nothing of special interest to report, but simply that the services have been conducted as usual, with a good attendance and apparent interest, but with few accessions to the Church. The Envelope System for meeting the expenses of the sanctuary has been adopted by this Church, and is found to work well.

Middlebush reports that the State of Religion, though not marked by anything very observable, is yet vital, and seems to be progressing; that secretly, the Kingdom of Heaven has grown and strengthened in many hearts, by reason of trial, through which the congregation has been passing. It is the conviction of the Consistory, that the members generally have been drawn closer to Christ and to each other, by reason of their sanctified trials. This Church reports the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society, and the manifestation of an encouraging spirit in every Christian work.

Griggstown, being without a pastor, only reports statistics.

Second New Brunswick.—The statistics of this Church show an advance during the year, except in the number of Sunday-school scholars, which is reduced about thirty, chiefly in the Mission school. This is accounted for by the opening of another school in the neighborhood. During the year the attendance on the services has been good, considering the severity of the winter. As a matter of interest, this Church claims the honor of being the first to move in the matter of raising the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions, which has been so successfully accomplished. All honor to that Church, and to the denomination, which by the blessing of God has been enabled to accomplish such a great and good work.

Bound Brook Church reports reason for thanksgiving, that Prayer-meetings have been well sustained, and that Sabbath-schools are in a flourishing condition. Hence the Consistory feel encouraged, and rejoice in the mercy and goodness of God to them.

Third New Brunswick sends no report.

East Millstone.—During the past Synodical year, there has nothing of special interest occurred. The accession has been smaller than usual. The loss is ten by dismissal and two by death. The attendance on the means of grace has been better than in former years. Prayer-meetings have a fair attendance, and the Sabbath-school is in a good working condition. While

there is no special work of the Spirit to record for the year, yet the tokens of God's favor have not been altogether wanting.

The Church of Metuchen reports nothing of special interest, except that there has been more activity in the Church, better attendance during the last ten months at Prayer-meeting and Sabbath-schools. From a private note we are sorry to learn of the poor health of our brother in Metuchen. As a Classis we extend to him our sympathy, and our prayer is that he may be restored to health and vigor, and be spared to do much work yet for his Master.

The general tone of these reports is that of thanksgiving. Though not so flattering as in former years, yet they tell of goodness, mercy and of the living kindness of the Lord. They present before the mind, beautiful pictures of a favored people, gratefully enjoying the means of grace, and gladly giving themselves to the service of the Master, meeting Sabbath after Sabbath to pray and praise, and preach and hear the Gospel which "is able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place. The licentiate, John E. Lyall, has been received from the Classis of Hudson, and ordained and installed (May 11, 1880,) as pastor of the Church of Bound Brook. The pastoral relation between the First Church of New Brunswick and Rev. R. H. Steele, has been dissolved, and he dismissed (September 30, 1880,) to the Presbytery of Detroit, having accepted a call to Ann Arbor. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. P. Searle and the Church of Griggstown has been dissolved, and he dismissed (December 31, 1880,) to the Classis of Raritan. Rev. Thomas Chalmers Easton, has been received (April 19, 1881,) from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and is to be installed pastor (D. V.,) of the First Church of New Brunswick. The Classis licensed on May 20, 1880, Marinus Van Dorn, who was dismissed March 2, 1881, to the Classis of Geneva; Cor. H. Polhemus, who has been dismissed to the Classis of Po'keepsie, and Edward Birdsall.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. McWILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Your Committee on the State of Religion, wou ld respectfully report that Reports have been received from all the Churches of the Classis. The examination of these documents leads to the following view of the State of Religion within our bounds:

1st. There has been since 1878, a steady decrease in the number of families identified with our congregations. The loss in this respect is less for the year just closed, than for either of the preceding years.

2d. During the same period, there has been a marked falling off in the number of accessions to our membership. The reports for this year indicate a slight improvement in this respect. While the total in Communion is reported as only two more than last year, this is due to revision of lists, which concentrates gradually accumulating losses upon a single year. By comparing the tables of gains and losses, which represent the actual changes of the year, we find a net gain of 79, against 17 last year.

3d. The benevolence of the Churches shows a marked change for the better. Last year, the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, were the smallest for at least five years. The gifts for this year, are larger than they have been in any year since 1876.

4th. In temporal affairs, our Churches enjoy a good degree of prosperity. So far as the reports enlighten us, more than $3,250 has been spent in repairs, building, and other improvements. The total indebtedness reported is less than $18,000, divided among nine Churches. Four Churches report a decrease of debt amounting to $1,219.89.

While, therefore, we have not enjoyed such a degree of spiritual enlargement, as we prayed and hoped for, yet God has not forgotten to be gracious. Every department of Church life in the Classis is in a healthy, vigorous condition. Our disappointments should provoke us to renewed diligence in labor, and more earnestness in prayer; while God's manifest favor should encourage us with the assurance that our labors are not in vain in the Lord.

Your Committee would recommend the following:

Whereas, Our Churches are closely allied in organization, work, and sympathy; and,

Whereas, There is apparent throughout the Classis a deep-



felt need of the Holy Spirit's quickening power, accompanied by indications that God is willing to visit his people; therefore,

Resolved, That Sunday, May 8th, be observed as a day of special and united prayer for the Churches of our Classis, and for God's blessing upon their work.

Abstracts from Consistorial Reports:

Acquackanonck. In the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, has adhered to the "old paths," and been blessed therein.

Broadway, Paterson says, "For the blessings of temporal prosperity, unbroken harmony, and some measure of Spiritual refreshment, we desire to express our gratitude to God."

Clarkstown. Rejoices in the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit, shown in attendance, attention, conversions, and inquiry. "We are encouraged anew to be not slothful in business, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

First Holland, Paterson. Peace and harmony, with regular ministrations, have been enjoyed. While 15 were received on confession, losses by removal have reduced the net gain to six.

Holland, Wortendyke, speaks of increased number of families in the congregation, and corresponding increase in attendance. Benevolent funds have been devoted to relief of poor emigrants from Holland. The new church is almost completed.

Holland, Lodi, labors under disadvantages in the straitened circumstances of the people. The pastor is both thankful and encouraged even amidst difficulties.

Second Lodi, reports progress in church building; the expenses being provided for as the work is completed. The spiritual condition is also encouraging.

Holland, Passaic. Church and Sabbath-school are in a flourishing condition. People much interested, and outlook encouraging. A student from New Brunswick has been engaged to labor during the summer among this people.

North Passaic. "All phases of church work are very encouraging. With the accession of 23 new families to our congregation, we begin the new year as hopeful as such rich favors may suggest."

Nyack sends only the statistical report.

Paramus reports payment of balance of debt; property improved; attendance and attention encouraging; increased benevolence, and a number of additions on confession. "As we look back, we thank God, while, as we look forward we take courage."

Piermont. Rejoicing in the grace wherein she stands, yearns for the quickening power of the Holy Ghost.

Pascack reports "nothing of special interest."

Ramapo sends only a few statistics.

Ramseys mourns her want of a pastor, but is full of courage and faith, seeking that an under shepherd may soon be sent to care for the souls of men.

Ridgewood notes encouraging temporal prosperity, especially the cancelling of a floating debt of $300. Regular services have been unusually well attended, although the presence of the Holy Spirit with converting power has not been marked. We have prayed, and continue to cry "O Lord revive *thy* work."

Saddle River rejoices in a year of increased attendance upon the preaching of the Word, of efficient Sabbath-school work, and an encouraging number of accessions.

Second Totowa mourns the loss of an unusual number of members by death, but is thankful for the grace of labor, peace and benevolence.

Spring Valley has nothing of special interest to note. Effort is made by pastor and consistory, to reclaim members who are now neglecting the sanctuary.

Tappan reports mingled drawbacks, and encouragements. Peace, harmony, and interest in spiritual things, are gratefully recognized as tokens of Divine favor.

Warwick. "The Lord has withheld from this Church the joy of the Harvest, during the past year." Hopeful indications are noticed, in fuller consecration, and desire for blessing, on the part of some of God's people.

West New Hempstead. "The year has been a time of seed-sowing, rather than of ingathering."

Ecclesiastical Changes. Rev. Asher Anderson has been received from Classis of Poughkeepsie, and installed pastor of the North Church of Passaic. The pastoral relation existing between the Churches of Ramseys and Ramapo and the Rev. Mr. W. H. Nasholds, has been dissolved; and Mr. Nasholds has been dismissed to the Classis of Geneva. The pastoral relation between the Holland Church of Passaic and Rev. Mr. Hazenberg, has been dissolved. Rev. Henry V. Voorhees has been dismissed to the Presbytery of New Castle, Delaware.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. VAN DEVENTER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Passaic is glad to report that in two of the Churches there have been revivals which have resulted in the addition of large numbers to their membership. The contributions for benevolence and for congregational expenses have been greatly in excess of those of the previous year.

The Reports of the individual Churches are as follows:

The *Boardville Church* still lives. During another year it has had a hard struggle for existence, and has come out the victor. There is nothing new to report. The Sabbath services morning and evening, have been held regularly.

Boonton.—This Church enjoyed the ministrations of Rev. J. W. Conklin until near the close of the year 1880, when he left for another field, to which God had called him. There has been some success in gathering the young into the Sabbath service. The Sunday-school has flourished. There has been steady advancement in directions which figures cannot express. Although a pastor has not yet been secured, the people are prayerfully awaiting the one the Lord shall send.

The *Fairfield Church* laments the loss of a pastor, and a half year of uncertainty and varying success in endeavoring to sustain the means of grace. But the outlook for the future is brighter. Mr. J. H. Owens, of the Senior Class in the Seminary at New Brunswick, has received a call and has signified his acceptance. Under his ministry they hope to be revived and do better work.

The Church at *Franklin Furnace* has been without a pastor the greater part of the year. Its condition is as prosperous as could be expected. The people are anxious to have a pastor and have manifested a willingness to support one.

Montville.—This Church has undergone extensive repairs, the money for which has been contributed freely, even in excess of the amount required. The contributions for benevolence have increased. A Woman's Missionary Society has been organized, and is at present in successful operation, with a large membership. The attendance on the Sabbath services in the sanctuary has increased, also at the prayer-meetings, which have been steadily sustained. The special meetings proved a special means of grace. Two new classes have been added to the Sunday-school. It is an eve of bright and joyful hope.

Pompton.—The "week of prayer" was followed by numerous requests for prayer, and the conversion of nineteen souls. All but three of these were members of the Sabbath-school. Besides this, the quickening resulted in increased activity in all departments of church work. Sunday-school teachers labored with more earnestness and enthusiasm, and others were affected with the same spirit. The weekly prayer-meeting, which had lived a precarious life, became well attended, as did also the Sabbath evening prayer-meeting. The attendance upon the ordinances is regular, and the Word is heard attentively. The contributions for benevolence have increased.

Pompton Plains.—The ordinary work has been carried forward, and a spirit of harmony and interest among the people is manifested in every department.

First Totowa.—Since the loss of their pastor, this Church has been supplied by Dr. J. A. Lansing, of Brooklyn. The prayer-meeting is well sustained, and the Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition. The people are looking to the Head of the Church for a spiritual guide.

Ponds.—Under the faithful labors of its new pastor, this Church has made material advancement. The amount of money raised has exceeded that of any other recent year. The three Sabbath services and the weekly prayer-meeting are all well attended. The evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence are very plain. A new career of prosperity has begun.

Preakness.—It has been with this Church a year of steady, quiet work. God has been present, blessing by littles. The additions to the membership on confession have been more numerous. It is believed the Church is on the eve of a great blessing. A Ladies' Tract Society has been organized, and already does aggressive work among fifty non-church going families. The Sunday-school is advancing.

Union Reformed.—The spiritual and temporal interests have advanced together. Besides an increase of sixty-one in the Church membership, the Church has come into the possession of a handsome parsonage. The people now consider themselves fully equipped, and look forward to still greater achievements.

Wyckoff.—There is a deep religious interest in this Church. At a recent meeting, several members of the Sunday-school gave evidence that the spirit was striving with them and not without effect. There is encouragement to hope that they will be led to a public profession of faith in Christ.



The ecclesiastical changes have been as follows: The pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. A. A. Zabriskie and the Church at Franklin Furnace; also between Rev. T. P. Pockman and the Church at Fairfield; also between Rev. A. V. V. Raymond and the First Church of Paterson; also between Rev. J. W. Conklin and the Church at Boonton. Rev. A. V. V. Raymond has been dismissed to the Classis of Newark, and Rev. J. W. Conklin to the Classis of Arcot, India. The candidate A. A. King, has been licensed, ordained and installed pastor of the Church at the Ponds. Rev. I. H. Collier, who has been laboring as a supply in a Presbyterian Church, and whose labors were crowned with success, has gone home to his eternal reward, after an active and devoted ministry of twenty years.

We regret to report that during the year, the beloved partners of two members of the Classis have been taken from them. These losses are felt by all of us. May the Lord comfort the brethren and give them strength to compensate for the helpers that have been removed.

JAMES KEMLO, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

All the Churches have forwarded their reports. Several have only sent the statistical tables, unaccompanied with any remarks, so that your Committee have no data except figures upon which to draw for material.

There is a painful uniformity in the tidings from the several Churches expressed in the term "no special interest."

No cheering news of revivals comes to our ears; no manifestation of the Spirit's presence and power. There have been accessions on confession of faith, somewhat larger than was reported a year ago in the aggregate; and the history of the Churches of this Classis seems to be the history of the Church at large of all denominations. This solemn fact calls for serious consideration and heart-searching inquiry. Has the presentation of the Gospel lost its power to awaken, convict and save? Has not the Church settled on her lees, and become worldly, cold and indifferent to her high and glorious destiny? Ought not pastor and people to humble themselves before a covenant-

keeping God and Father, and plead the fulfillment of His promise to heed and answer their importunate supplications for the gracious manifestation of His converting power? O, Lord, revive Thy work! In the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy! Interfere, deliver, save!"

The Third Church of Philadelphia has taken a new departure, abandoning and selling its church edifice and removing to a new locality, where it has set up its banners. We bid them God speed.

The Fourth Church of Philadelphia, Manayunk, has been constrained to resort to discipline, which, happily, has not been attended with the usual heart burning and bitterness, but rather of "sorrow for their misdoings." The reception of seventeen on confession is very cheering.

The Second Church of Philadelphia, from which we have received only the statistical table, reports the largest number received on confession, twenty-four.

The Fifth Church of Philadelphia is confronted with opposition by the erection of new church edifices by two other German congregations in their immediate neighborhood, which has attracted strangers. But their financial condition is improving, as well as the liberality of the people.

Clover Hill reports a congregation small, yet willing, devoted and faithful, and, with a single exception, united.

The Church of Stanton reports a spirit of harmony, good attendance, some ingathering of fruit, and mourns the death of an elder.

Addisville has added a new Sabbath-school to its number. Its spiritual condition is healthful and hopeful, and its financial affairs sound and good. A debt on their chapel of $1,300 has been provided for.

Neshanic Church gets in debt almost every year, but happily gets out again—has raised $785 to pay off debt. Its spiritual condition is encouraging. Three or four prayer-meetings maintained, and communion seasons marked by testimonials of the Spirit's presence.

We congratulate the little Church of *Three Bridges* on the calling and settlement of a pastor.

Harlingen has been constrained to part with its beloved pastor, Rev. John Gardner, after a ministry of thirty-seven years. His son, Rev. John S. Gardner, has been called as his successor.

Rev. N. I. Rubinkam has been called and settled as pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. LIPPINCOTT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches within the bounds of the Classis of Raritan. All the Churches have reported, except Fourth Raritan.

First Raritan says: "Renewed interest has been manifested in all the religious services of the Church; an eagerness of desire to attend the Gospel preached, unusual to us, and giving us bright hopes of future good. There has also been manifested an increased spirit of benevolence to all the objects we have been called upon to support, as also to meet every requirement in our home work."

Readington says: "We have reason to rejoice that God has permitted us to glean a small harvest, at least, from the seed sown. We have also various indications of an increased spirit of liberality."

Bedminster says: "Our Sabbath services have been well attended, a lively interest has been maintained in the Sabbath-schools and the prayer-meetings have been sources of strength and comfort to many. The peace and harmony of the Church are delightful, and every pecuniary need is promptly met."

Lebanon says: "Peace, prosperity and harmony reign throughout the congregation."

Rockaway says: "The Word and ordinances have been administered; prayer-meetings and Sabbath-schools have been maintained; peace and concord prevail. Yet we have to mourn the prevalence of indifference and unconcern in religious things, also the marked absence of the Holy Spirit's renewing and sanctifying power among us. It has been a season of sowing rather than reaping."

North Branch says: "Attendance upon the stated and public worship of God has been regular; much general interest has been manifested, but the last year has not been marked by the exhibition of any special interest."

Second Raritan says: "The spiritual state of the congregation in this season of wide spread declension of religion in the

American Church, is not without encouragement, as a few precious souls have been added to its communion on confession of faith."

Peapack says: "The condition of the Church is good. It is thoroughly united and the attendance upon the regular services of the sanctuary is large. There is an increasing appreciation of the organization as a moral power in the community."

Branchville says: "There has not been any special religious awakening, and yet we have not been without the witness of the Spirit's presence."

Third Raritan says: "Our Church has realized a lack of spiritual vitality and energy, and a comparatively small ingathering of souls. In temporal matters there has been some improvement. The congregation, by providing for a debt of several years standing, has been released from a burden."

Easton says: "The average attendance has been good, and at every service the attention has been encouraging." The chief feature is the entire liquidation of their church debt.

Plainfield says: "The Church is growing in favor with the people; seven were received at last communion, and others are ready."

Pottersville says: "Last year was one of precious ingathering, this may be characterized as one of religious instruction and development; our outlook for the future is hopeful."

High Bridge says: "The past year has been one of great quietness. The pastor was disabled by sickness for two months, but the elders of the Church conducted religious services as usual, with occasional assistance from neighboring ministers; and the congregation remains as large as in former years. We are assured that the Holy Spirit has been with us, and His blessing resting upon us."

From the above reports we glean the following:

FACTS.

1. There has been no religious awakening in any of the Churches during the year.

2. The number received on confession is very small—only fifty-two—as compared with one hundred and three received last year.

3. Three of the Churches have received none from the world.

4. Peace and harmony abound in all our Churches.



SUGGESTIONS.

1. Let us take courage. Each Church is in good working condition. Each organization has a house of worship. Each Church has a pastor. Each Church reports a good degree of faithfulness and regularity. Each Church is hopeful. This is just as encouraging in the kingdom of Christ, as good order, morality and enterprise in the kingdoms of the world.

We do love the harvest time. For though there is so much of toil, and even anguish connected with it, yet the rich perfume of quickened souls and the golden fruits of the Spirit fill our garner and feed our souls to the full. But the husbandman enjoys the harvest season only a few weeks in the year. During all the other months, in the hot breath of Summer, the golden days of Autumn and the snows of Winter, as well as in the smiles of the gentle Spring, he plows and digs, and sows and prunes, and waits, that he may reap a bountiful harvest.

So God works. Four thousand years crept slowly along from the first budding promise to the harvest of fulfilment, when Jesus was born. But how glorious was the reaping after so long a time of culture. And after the ascension of our Saviour heavenward, promised that He would return quickly. Nearly two thousand years have rolled away, and still He comes not. But where is the Christian who does not believe that when He comes His angels will "gather the wheat into the garner;" "His elect from one end of Heaven to the other?"

2. Great fidelity to our Master's work would doubtless insure a larger ingathering. Are not our ecclesiastical meetings too much confined to routine matters, and is there not too little of the freedom of the Spirit? Would it not be well for each pastor and consistory to hold stated meetings (not too frequent), for prayer and conference about the state of religion in their particular Church?

3. We are not to estimate the prosperity of the Church by the number and extent of revivals simply; nor to suppose that she is standing still, when we have no awakenings. If it were possible to sum up the instruction given during this last year in the Churches of this Classis, the humility cultivated, repentance for sin more frequent and earnest, Christian work more abundant, self denial more frequent, faith strengthened, sorrow's tears wiped away, hopes made brilliant, love increased and joy welling up and bubbling over from hearts made rich by

the Word and the Spirit; would we not be witnesses to the living power of the truth and sharers in a plentiful harvest? And if in addition to this, we could know the restraints imposed upon vice and immorality, we should see another field of promise. If also we could know how the thoughts of the young have taken shape, their desires aroused and their characters molded, we should behold another field "white already to the harvest."

CONCLUSION.

From the above statements we conclude that the spiritual interests of the Churches of this Classis are in a prosperous condition. There is not a single Church presenting trouble or causing grief. Ministers, officers and members work together in harmony, and thereby their power is increased.

Cases of discipline are few; and so there is a symmetry in growth. A few have been saved, proving still that by the foolishness of preaching it yet pleases God to save them that believe. The world hears, admires and reverences the truth, and the promise that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not," is ours.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

There has been but one change in our ministry: Rev. J. Preston Searle has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick and installed pastor of the First Church of Raritan.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. McNAIR, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	33	4	2	....	....	2	36	....	1	....	....	1	65	.....	$800	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	Theodore B. Romeyn	.....	1	3	7	....	3	256	15	....	....	200	1	200	$2,075	3,600	Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg	George Seibert	80	5	3	2	....	3	*120	2	....	335	....	2	170	¶157 32	1,800	Schraalenberg, "
New Durham	Wm. V. V. Mabon	78	2	2	....	....	2	190	10	....	500	200	3	375	300	1,850	Weehawken, "
Park Ref. Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	185	12	8	7	....	10	200	14	7	....	200	....	400	816 02	5,621 67	Jersey City, "
First Hoboken	Isaac E. House	31	7	7	1	....	2	61	....	3	83	141	1	156	.....	1,495	Hoboken, "
North Bergen	John Justin	55	9	....	....	....	3	76	8	....	....	21	1	260	68 18	1,341 36	Weehawken, "
Second Hackensack	Cyrus B. Durand	98	4	3	2	....	3	167	2	....	....	12	1	110	168	3,200	Hackensack, "
Third Hackensack	Vacant	†36	15	....	....	....	4	120	22	....	....	12	1	100	25	600	Hackensack, "
German Evan. Hoboken	Leopold Mohn	415	61	....	....	....	6	505	219	....	....	65	1	650	184 20	4,144 04	Hoboken, "
Closter City	P. V. Van Buskirk (s.c.)	80	8	4	4	1	3	112	....	6	....	90	1	135	65 66	1,385 75	Closter, "
Palisades	Francis M. Bogardus	80	4	....	3	....	....	65	16	1	50	50	2	125	25	785 66	Fort Lee, "
Guttenberg	Vacant	75	....	....	1	....	1	52	2	....	....	....	....	75	6	450	Guttenberg, "
Cen. Ave., Jersey City	Vacant	135	10	2	4	2	1	131	21	3	110	.....	1	200	.....	1,241 48	Jersey City, "
Fort Lee																	
Cherry Hill	James E. Graham	36	....	2	3	....	1	42	3	....	38	.....	1	78	21	1.311	Cherry Hill, "
	Total	1417	142	36	34	3	44	2223	334	21	1116	991	17	3099	$3,911 38	$29,625 96	

Other Ministers—Alexander H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J. Wm. R. Gordon, Manhasset, L. I. Chas. Parker, Oceanic, N. J. James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan. Alexander Shaw, Guttenberg, N. J.

*Revised List. ¶Contributions for six months for benevolence. †Report of last year.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	200	7	18	9	...	6	279	13	1	190	325	2	355	$1,116 55	$6,403 62	509 Bergen Ave. Jersey City.
First Jersey City	Wm. Westerfield, S. S.	100	2	2	7	...	1	155	4	....	35	.....	1	170	139 37	2,878 64	"
First Bayonne	Vacant	76	4	16	26	...	4	190	14	1	.....	80	1	226	223 38	7,439 71	Bayonne, N. J.
First Van Vorst [Second Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	5	6	9	...	6	229	.....	.....	.....	100	1	150	1,026	4,200	288 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	Henry W. F. Jones	130	6	3	1	1	2	189	7	1	90	124	1	184	2,200 50	7,500	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second Hudson City	C. Doeppenschmidt, P.E Charles Girtanner, S. S.	70	36	1	4	...	6	200	76	2	.....	30	1	380	113 35	3,136 35	5 Cambridge Ave., Jersey City 944 Summit Ave., "
Lafayette	Wm. R. Duryee, (s.c.)	90	8	11	11	...	...	194	6	2	128	125	1	225	1,136	3,984	233 Pacific Ave., Jersey City.
Greenville	Vacant	57	7	8	3	...	4	108	1	.....	.....	.....	1	200	305 80	2,281 40	
Free Jersey City	Henry Mattice	100	8	9	3	...	2	128	18	2	116	150	1	235	276 79	825	283 Grove Street, Jersey City.
Third Bayonne	Vacant	42	6	...	...	...	...	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	70	201 09	547 75	
South Bergen	Henry M. Cox	62	4	15	8	...	2	91	3	2	103	90	1	150	174 52	1,795 13	43 Crescent Ave., Jersey City.
	Total	1047	93	89	81	1	33	1832	142	11	662	1024	12	2345	$6,813 35	$40,991 60	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Prof. in Theological School, 19, Akashi Cho, Tokio, Japan. Rev. Alex. H. Young, Greenville, N. J., Rev. Wm. L. Etterich, Alleghany City, Pa. *In transitu*, Pastor Lutheran Church.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Freehold	Theodore W. Wells (s.c.)	100	1	...	9	...	5	210	6	1	108	80	2	155	$244 69	$1,439 27	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N.J.
Holmdel	William Reiley	90	....	3	7	...	4	185	1	.. .	88	.....	1	78	278 48	908 65	Holmdel, " "
Spottswood	Vacant	*42	....	....	....	....	....	60	....	....	....	30	3	50	.....	839	Spottswood, Middlesex Co. "
Middletown	Charles D. Buck	43	4	....	1	....	1	83	4	....	26	.....	1	50	81 61	1,692 34	Middletown, Monmouth " "
Second Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	101	5	7	8	....	7	191	4	3	83	100	1	150	489 67	5,561 50	Freehold, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	60	6	....	2	....	....	102	2	2	42	....	1	135	215 60	961 80	Keyport, " " "
First Long Branch	Charles J. Young	110	51	8	1	1	9	206	5	33	125	30	2	280	80 67	1,912 98	Long Branch, " " "
Colt's Neck	H. A. Hendrickson	113	2	2	5	...	2	235	3	....	103	30	2	145	138 89	1,185 18	Colt's Neck, " " "
Highlands	Abraham W. Allen	38	1	....	....	....	....	28	1	....	....	....	1	75	6	166	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	William H. Ballagh	46	3	3	1	....	....	50	....	1	16	58	1	58	68 05	1,072 86	Asbury Park, " " "
Second Long Branch	Vacant	26	4	3	2	....	....	65	....	4	17	25	1	100	27 10	1,105 60	East Long Branch, " "
	Total	769	77	26	36	1	28	1415	26	44	608	343	16	1276	$1,630 76	$16,845 18	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schenck, Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J. Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Supt., Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J. Rev. Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall, New Brunswick, N. J. Rev. Edgar A. Enos.

*Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	Henry Martyn Voorhees	105	2	14	11	...	4	*163	...	...	96	141	...	...	$379 21	$1,597 90	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First Newark	Wm. H. Gleason	150	9	18	10	...	5	280	4	3	.....	200	2	415	2,928 81	9,495 17	Newark, " "
Irvington	HenryVehslage (s.c.)	145	1	5	7	1	3	170	...	...	46	95	1	165	.....	1,400	Irvington, " "
Second of Newark	Francis V. Van Vranken	90	2	5	7	...	1	163	1	3	50	100	...	200	524 60	2,254 59	Newark, " "
Franklin	A. Messler Quick	70	7	2	...	...	1	120	2	...	133	120	1	120	85	1,143	Franklin, " "
North of Newark	Vacant	250	11	7	11	...	6	469	15	...	200	693	2	.....	9,757 84	5,215 16	
West of Newark	Frederick Kern	92	24	1	16	2	6	155	54	2	175	109	1	225	144 50	1,265	Newark, " "
Clinton Avenue	William J. R. Taylor	183	7	17	9	...	2	330	4	...	150	200	2	700	1,329	6,025 79	Newark, " "
East of Newark	Vacant	40	3	1	...	...	1	53	5	1	28	30	1	200	22 28	737 59	
Linden	Oscar Gesner, S.S.	31	3	...	...	...	...	48	2	2	...	.....	1	70	139 42	570 15	Linden, Union " "
Woodside§	Vacant	.....	1	5	6	...	1	64	2	...	.....	.....	1	100	240	2,040	
Stone House Plains	Jacob O. Van Fleet	75	2	1	...	...	1	123	...	1	.....	.....	1	90	50	900	Brookdale, Essex Co., "
Orange	Geo. S. Bishop	165	15	12	6	1	5	322	5	...	.....	170	1	220	5,965 93	1,687 66	East Orange, " "
Trinity, Plainfield	†A. V. V. Raymond	75	14	57	...	...	...	128	....	2	.....	135	1	177	115	1,986 84	Plainfield, Union " "
	Total	1471	101	145	83	4	36	2588	94	14	878	1993	15	2682	$21,681 59	$36,318 85	

Other Ministers.—**Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J. Louis H. Bahler, Flemington, N. J. Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J. John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J. Ashbel G. Vermilye, Orange, N. J.**

***Revised list. §Last year's report. †Installed Feb. 3, 1881.**

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First New Brunswick	Thos. Chalmers Easton*	200	7	13	25	..	11	504	12	3	300	150	1	426	$1,675	$4,662	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears, P.E.																
	Wm. R. Taylor	135	10	10	1	...	7	302	7	3	150	50	6	300	1,199 16	2,039	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin (s.c.)	150	2	10	10	...	4	‡275	4	....	200	200	7	200	420	1,280	Millstone, "
Middlebush	James Le Fevre	97	5	....	9	1	4	190	5	....	118	100	1	140	404 81	1,300	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Vacant	†50	....	2	....	....	3	159	3	....	50	60	2	100	226 79	1,079 49	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	Manclus H. Hutton	178	5	21	10	...	4	378	12	....	134	137	2	279	1,900 45	5,550 93	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	John E. Lyall	74	1	4	3	...	5	104	3	....	27	149	1	149	89 84	1,114 21	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick	Chas. Meyer, S.S.	†10	1	....	5	...	1	35	2	....	....	10	1	30	45	320	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Alex. McWilliam	75	1	6	10	...	2	150	3	1	75	40	1	80	200	1,000	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	Edward Lord	69	1	2	6	...	2	166	1	....	40	.....	2	193	111 47	1,484 69	Metuchen, "
	Total	1038	33	68	79	1	43	2263	52	7	1094	896	24	1897	$6,272 52	$19,830 32	

Other Ministers.—Wm. H. Campbell, Pres. Rutgers College. Jacob Cooper and T. Sandford Doolittle, Profs. in Rutgers College. Peter J. Quick, Librarian; addresses of all at New Brunswick, N. J. Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J. John L. See, Sec. Bd. Ed., 34 Vesey Street, New York City. John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J. David M. Talmage, Missionary, now in America, 34 Vesey Street, New York City. Eugene S. Booth, Nagasaki, Japan. Islay Walden, Lancaster Mills, N. C. John H. Bergen, Columbus, Ga. Jacob C. Dutcher, Bound Brook, N. J.

Licentiates.—De Witt T. Reiley, Prof. in Rutgers College, and Alex. G. Van Aiken, both of New Brunswick, N. J. Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

*Pastor Elect. †Last year's report. ‡247 of last year, an error for 277.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	160	16	14	4	...	7	350	7	1	300	175	1	280	$1,699 55	$4,228 57	Passaic,	N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	William H. Clark (s.c.)	98	3	3	4	...	...	175	9	1	137	150	1	150	594 36	3,121 48	Paterson,	"
Clarkstown	Samuel Streng	83	10	3	...	1	5	148	4	1	117	15	1	105	343 82	1,510 51	Mount Moor,	N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	85	15	9	13	...	5	148	18	....	167	40	1	75	66 69	793 91	Paterson,	N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke*	Vacant	64	5	18	...	1	...	103	16	....	242	53	1	75	40 29	122 62	Hohokus,	"
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	55	2	....	1	1	..	52	15	....	185	....	1	37	21 43	188 67	Lodi,	"
Second Lodi	Robert M. Offord	43	10	5	...	...	1	67	1	1	47	36	1	60	20	2,250	Lodi,	"
Holland, Passaic	Vacant	100	4	2	4	...	...	90	10	....	239	35	1	100	.....	.....	Passaic,	"
North Passaic	Asher Anderson	74	7	24	12	...	1	146	17	1	80	....	1	220	480 29	2,302	Passaic,	"
Nyack	Vacant	90	5	8	9	...	7	†260	3	2	....	160	1	210	214 43	2,825 81	Nyack,	N. Y.
Paramus	John C. Van Deventer	108	8	7	7	...	6	191	6	1	120	104	1	104	403 10	2,576 93	Ridgewood,	N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	80	3	1	2	...	2	122	7	1	100	25	1	100	55 85	1,357 59	Park Ridge,	"
Piermont	William C. Stitt	50	1	....	8	...	...	100	...	....	35	100	1	100	292	2,208	Piermont,	N. Y.
Ramapo	Vacant	28	...	....	...	...	1	39	...	....	.....	.....	1	30	5	190 28	Mahwah,	N. J.
Ramseys	Vacant	20	...	....	1	...	1	28	...	....	28	....	1	65	1 25	135 22	Ramseys,†	"
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	46	1	2	2	...	1	68	3	...	56	25	1	100	46	1,096 45	Ridgewood,	"
Saddle River	William E. Bogardus	60	11	1	1	...	...	112	5	4	57	....	1	65	127 50	983 23	Monsey,	N. Y.
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea	130	9	1	3	...	15	230	16	2	140	120	1	260	444	2,200	Paterson,	N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius H. Crispell	90	2	2	6	...	2	111	9	....	32	40	1	138	247 34	1,703 45	Spring Valley,	N. Y.
Tappan	George M. S. Blauvelt	100	4	....	1	...	1	150	11	....	200	100	4	200	370	1,700	Tappantown,	"
Warwick	Vernon B. Carroll	100	4	1	1	...	3	157	2	2	55	40	1	55	439 89	2,640 57	Warwick,	"
West New Hempstead	Benjamin T. Statesir	36	....	....	....	...	1	72	....	....	20	.....	1	61	74 14	484 80	Monsey,	"
	Total	1700	120	100	79	3	59	2919	159	17	2357	1218	25	2590	$5,986 93	$34,620 03		

Other Ministers.—Ferdinand H. Van Derveer, Somerville, N. J. William F. Betz, Warnsveld, Holland. William Hazenberg, in Africa.
*Formerly Holland, Hohokus. †Revised list.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boardville	James E. Bernart, S.S.	12	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	.....	.....	1	15	$23	.....	Midvale, Passaic Co., N. J.
Boonton	Vacant	50	2	1	...	...	2	65	1	1	.....	33	1	65	51	611 53	Boonton, Morris " "
Fairfield	Vacant	76	....	22	2	...	2	160	2	.....	.....	25	2	140	74 51	800	Fairfield, Essex " [N. J.
Franklin Furnace	Vacant	54	....	....	1	...	1	14	1	.....	.....	30	1	145	6 25	525 05	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co.,
Little Falls	William L. Moore	50	1	....	3	...	1	117	2	.....	.....	.....	1	70	84 39	.....	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N.J.
Montville	James Kemlo	97	2	6	2	1	2	134	2	1	.....	.....	1	93	121 44	1,850 52	Boonton, Morris " "
Sixth Paterson,(Holland)	H. R. Koopman	193	14	35	...	...	23	335	54	.....	.....	126	1	280	46	2,500	Paterson, Passaic " "
Pompton Plains	J. Henry Whitehead	125	4	3	2	...	2	288	2	.....	.....	.....	5	275	356 73	1,926	Pompton Plains, Morris Co. "
Pompton	John N. Jansen (s.c)	60	19	....	...	1	4	155	1	8	.....	35	2	150	273 13	969 65	Pompton, Passaic " "
Ponds	Albert A. King	68	3	1	...	...	1	60	4	1	.....	.....	3	120	15 50	1,600	Oakland, Bergen " "
Preakness	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	57	4	1	...	...	3	94	2	2	.....	.....	2	110	72 35	1,075 21	Paterson, Passaic " "
First Totowa (Paterson)	Vacant	110	7	5	6	1	8	254	8	4	.....	175	1	260	300	2,900	Paterson, " " "
Union Ref. (Holland)	H. E. Nies	133	40	21	1	1	4	226	36	.....	.....	40	1	175	37	1,652	Paterson, " " "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle	90	6	2	3	...	4	119	9	1	.....	.....	1	80	92 55	950	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
	Total	1175	102	77	20	4	57	2036	124	18	.....	454	23	1978	$1,553 83	$17,359 96	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J., County Supt. of Schools. A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J. Jas. Demarest, 186 Belleville Ave., Newark, N. J., Mission Work. Rev. P. T. Pockman, East Greenbush, N. Y. A. A. Zabriskie, Supply, Port Jefferson, L. I. Rev. Isaac S. Demund (Emeritus,) Wortendyke, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Philadelphia	Thomas X. Orr	150	3	5	6	...	11	291	8	....	.....	.....	2	350	$846 85	$3,410 69	517 Brown St., Phila., Pa.
Second Philadelphia	N. I. Rubinkam	200	24	11	11	...	10	565	7	6	.....	.....	2	650	926	7,487 59	929 Franklin St., "
Third Philadelphia	Abram R. Van Nest, Jr.	60	2	....	9	...	2	85	6	....	11	125	2	150	426 68	2,900	1634 Walnut St., "
Fourth Philadelphia	W. W. Cook	100	17	3	2	2	4	236	9	1	115	100	1	260	235 47	1,610 19	Manayunk, "
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	130	4	....	....	....	4	212	37	....	.....	50	1	315	136	2,772	1538 Otis St., "
North & South Hampton	B. C. Lippincott	120	7	13	7	...	2	266	6	3	.....	.....	2	175	168 98	1,425	Churchville, Buck Co., Pa.
Addisville	I. Collier	85	4	4	1	...	2	164	2	1	60	.....	4	175	107 70	1,373 89	Richboro,' " "
Blawenburgh	W. B. Voorhees (s.c.).	110	2	2	10	...	3	244	5	....	110	30	1	150	455 46	1,414 55	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Clover Hill	M. N. Oliver	75	1	3	4	...	1	188	....	....	48	.....	1	75	179 09	896	Clover Hill, "
Harlingen	John S. Gardner, P. E.	140	5	7	8	...	6	300	7	....	125	40	3	150	220 83	977 62	Harlingen, "
Neshanic	John Hart	170	11	12	12	3	6	295	7	4	.....	25	4	235	475 48	1,754 90	Neshanic, "
Stanton	Abram I. Martine	76	5	5	3	...	1	155	1	5	.....	.....	1	85	86 50	1,059 13	Stanton, "
Rocky Hill	S. O. Lawsing	70	2	3	5	...	5	152	5	1	.....	.....	1	106	180 75	863 07	Rocky Hill, " [N. J.
Three Bridges	E. Birdsall	58	3	....	1	...	1	82	1	....	.....	.....	1	90	26 92	682 30	Three Bridges, Hunterdon Co.,
	Total	1544	90	68	79	5	58	3235	101	21	469	370	26	2966	$4,472 71	$28,626 93	

Other Ministers.—**Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, Missionary, Amoy, China. Rev. J. E. Gramm, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. John Gardner, Somerville, N. J. Rev. A Stoll, Raipore, India, Missionary.**

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Raritan	J. Preston Searle	175	3	8	7	...	10	409	4	....	.....	.....	4	200	$461	$2,662	Somerville, Somerset Co., N.J.
Readington	John H. Smock	200	8	3	17	...	2	380	13	1	.....	.....	4	400	404 86	1,836 67	Readington, Hunterdon " "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	100	4	7	12	3	3	219	6	1	70	75	2	175	817 46	1,304 04	Bedminster, Somerset " "
Lebanon	Sanford W. Roe	200	1	1	1	...	5	335	9	....	129	.....	3	200	100	1,200	Lebanon, Hunterdon " "
Rockaway	William Bailey	95	....	4	18	...	8	220	5	....	.....	.....	5	200	200	1,035	White House, " " "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	134	3	11	12	...	1	222	4	....	.....	.....	1	100	360 89	1,417 25	North Branch, Somerset " "
Second Raritan	John F. Mesick (s.c.)	200	6	9	15	...	10	494	5	2	120	.....	1	275	268 16	1,900	Somerville, " " "
Peapack	Chas. T. Anderson	120	3	2	5	2	5	187	7	1	.....	.....	1	125	58 04	1,507 28	Peapack, " " "
Branchville	William E. Davis	120	4	14	13	...	6	257	9	1	144	.....	1	150	362 52	1,287 34	South Branch, " " "
Third Raritan	Chas. H. Pool	110	7	9	8	...	4	287	17	3	157	240	1	256	751 02	3,613 01	Raritan, " " "
Easton	Cornelius H. Edgar	66	3	5	6	...	2	139	7	....	.....	45	1	45	459 71	18,092 16	Easton, Pa.
Plainfield, (German)	Frederick E. Schleider	30	6	1	...	...	...	40	4	....	.....	.....	1	54	14 99	341	Plainfield, N.J.
Pottersville	William H. Hoffman	80	....	4	3	...	2	117	1	....	.....	.....	1	120	34	600	Pottersville, H'nt'rd'nCo. "
High Bridge	Artemas Dean	80	....	10	5	...	1	107	...	....	.....	.....	1	125	201 47	1,000	High Bridge, " " "
Clinton Station	Vacant	60	4	4	2	...	...	111	2	1	.....	.....	1	.....	5 54	654 52	Anandale, " " "
Fourth Raritan	Frederick E. Schleider	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Plainfield, " " "
	Total	1770	52	92	134	5	59	3524	93	10	620	360	28	2425	$4,499 66	$38,450 27	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Missionary to Japan. Rev. Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon N. J. Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J. Rev. A. Messler, D.D., Somerville, N. J. Rev. George H. Cleveland.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	16	17	..	1417	142	36	34	3	44	2223	334	21	1116	991	17	3099	$3,911 38	$29,625 96	Peter V. Van Buskirk.
South Classis of Bergen	11	12	..	1047	93	89	81	1	33	1832	142	11	662	1024	12	2345	6,813 35	40,991 60	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	11	13	..	769	77	26	36	1	28	1415	26	44	608	343	16	1276	1,630 76	16,845 18	Theodore W. Wells.
Classis of Newark	14	16	..	1471	101	145	83	4	36	2588	94	14	878	2134	15	2682	21,681 59	36,318 85	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	22	3	1038	33	68	79	1	43	2263	52	7	1094	896	24	1897	6,272 52	19,830 32	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	22	20	..	1700	120	100	79	3	59	2919	159	17	2357	1218	25	2590	5,986 93	34,620 03	William H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic	14	16	..	1175	102	77	20	4	57	2036	124	18	.....	454	23	1978	1,553 85	17,359 96	John N. Jansen.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	18	..	1544	90	68	79	5	58	3235	101	21	469	370	26	2966	4,472 71	28,626 93	William B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	16	22	..	1770	52	92	124	5	59	3524	93	10	620	360	28	2425	4,499 66	38,450 27	John F. Mesick.
Total	128	156	3	11931	810	701	615	27	417	22035	1125	163	7804	7790	186	21258	$56,822 75	$262,669 10	

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committe on Classical Minutes respectfully reported the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Minutes respectfully report that they have examined the Books of Minutes of the Classes of Bergen, South Bergen, New Brunswick, Newark, Paramus, Passaic, Philadelphia, and Raritan, and report as follows:

That the Minutes of these Classes have been neatly and in general fully and correctly kept.

To the Constitutional Questions the following answers have been given:

CLASSES	1 Aye-No	2 Aye-No	3 Aye-No	4 Aye-No	5 Aye-No	6 Aye-No	7 Aye-No
Bergen.....	....12—0	7—5	11—1	12—0	12—0	12—0	2—10
South Bergen...	9—0	8—1	9—0	9—0	9—0	9—0	5—4

New Brunswick—These Minutes state that the Constitutional Questions were generally answered in the affirmative.

Newark—No report included in Minutes.

Paramus.....	20—0	12—8	7—13	18—2	19—1	16—4	5—15
Passaic.....	12—0	10—2	6—6	10—2	12—0	10—2	3—9
Philadelphia..	14—0	10—4	11—3	14—0	14—0	14—0	1—13
Raritan.....	15—0	13—2	12—3	15—0	15—0	15—0	1—14

Monmouth—Classical Minutes not present.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC E. HOUSE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Church Visitation :

To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick :

The Committee on Church Visitation would respectfully report, that owing to unavoidable difficulties, an early meeting of the Committee could not be called, and no suggestion or plan of action could be published. But it was a matter of congratulation to find, that where a subsequent effort to convene the Committee failed, through the inability of all but two

members to attend, a general and widespread interest in the subject had been manifested in the different Classes, leading to a variety of plans, and all productive of good results in strengthening the bonds of Christian fellowship, and stimulating the Churches to more earnest and devoted labor in the cause of the Master.

HENRY VEHSLAGE, *Chairman.*

The following were reported from the Committee on Nominations, and chosen members of the Church Visitation Committee for another year: Rev. Wm. B. Voorhees, John F. Mesick, John Gaston, James Le Fevre, Wm. H. Ballah, Francis M. Van Vranken. Elders, Gilbert H. Van Mater, Peter A. Voorhees, Thomas Welling.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

No report was received from the Committee on Church Extension.

The following, as reported by the Nominating Committee, was constituted the Committee on Church Extension for the ensuing year: Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn, Wm. J. R. Taylor, Wm. H. Clark, Alex. McWilliam, J. Howard Suydam, Oscar Gesner. Elders, Daniel S. Jones, Wm. E. Conover, Jacob Wyckoff.

ARTICLE XVIII.

EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor's Report was received, read, and referred to the Committee on the Questorate, and is as follows:

JOHNSON LETSON, *Questor*, in account with

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

1880.	DR.		
May 1,	To Balance	$10 10	
Oct. 22,	To Cash received from Rev. Wm. H. Clark, Questor of the Classis of Paramus	38	
Oct. 28,	To Cash received from Rev. Wm. Bailey, Questor of the Classis of Raritan	35	
Nov. 9,	To Cash received from Rev. A. McWilliams, Questor of the Classis of New Brunswick	23	
1881.			
Feb. 3,	To Cash received from Rev. A. I. Martin, Questor of the Classis of Philadelphia	36	
Apl. 15,	To Cash received from Rev. Henry Vehslage, Questor of the Classis of Newark	26	
Apl. 25,	To Cash received from Rev. H. A. Hendrickson, Questor of the Classis Monmouth	15	
			$183 10

1880.	CR.		
Nov. 18,	By Cash paid bill of Messrs. Hosford & Sons	$96 33	
Apl. 27,	By Cash paid to Rev. C. H. Pool, s.c.	60	
May 2,	By balance, amount on hand	26 77	
			$183 10

UNPAID.

Classis of Bergen	$28	
South Classis of Bergen	25	
Classis of Passaic	31	
		$84

The Committee on the Questorate presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee would report that they have examined the accounts of the Questor, with vouchers, and find them correct. At the beginning of the year there was $10.10 on hand. There has been collected during the year from the various Classes, $173. Expended during the year for Printing and to Stated Clerk, $156.33. Balance now on hand, $26.77. There are dues unpaid from the Classes of Bergen, South Bergen and Passaic, of $84.

Resolved, That the Classes be assessed for the ensuing year, the usual amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. VAN FLEET, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 3 P. M., and 8 P. M., as the hours of meeting, and 12 M., and 5½ P. M., as the hours of adjournment.

According to the rules, the first hour after the opening of Synod, and the first half hour of the Session of Wednesday morning, were occupied with devotional services.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the afternoon of Wednesday, the second day. The President, Rev. Cornelius Brett, presided and read the Form. The Scriptures were read, and prayer offered by Rev. John Hart. The bread was distributed by Rev. Isaac Collier, and the cup given by Rev. Vernon B. Carroll, assisted by Elders Peter A. Voorhees, Jacob Wyckoff, Philip P. Van Arsdale, and Thomas Welling.

The Synod passed a resolution of thanks to Rev. James Le Fevre, for his able and instructive Synodical Sermon, and requested a copy for publication.

Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D., gave the Special discourse on Wednesday evening. Subject: "The Claims of the Gospel of Christ." The hearty thanks of the Synod were given to Dr. Gordon for his learned and instructive address.

The following subject was chosen for next year's Special address: "What is the duty of the Christian Ministry in Relation to the Philosophical and Scientific Questions of the Day, in following the example of Christ." To deliver the address, *primarius*, Rev. Isaac Collier; *secundus*, Rev. J. C. Van Deventer.

By invitation of Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., Synod appointed the place of next meeting at Millstone, N. J.

The following action was taken with reference to absent delegates:

Resolved, That this Synod has observed with great regret the absence of many delegates appointed to attend this Session; and that they do hereby call attention of the Classes to the fact of such absence, and express the hope that neither providental circumstances, nor a want of conscious responsibility may prevent future delegates from promptly reporting themselves at the opening of the Synod.

Resolved, That in the future the Stated Clerks of the various Classes be requested to publish in the "Christian Intelligencer" the complete list of the delegates to Particular Synod.

Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D., appeared in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and in a thoroughly interesting, earnest and eloquent address, presented the condition, interests and claims of the Board, at the close of which the Synod was led in prayer by Elder Lewis A. Brigham.

The following resolution was offered by the Stated Clerk of one of the Classes and passed:

Resolved, That in the record of licensures, ordinations, receptions or dismissions of members, or ecclesiastical changes, which are appended to the Classical Reports, the Stated Clerks of the several Classes are requested to add the dates of such licensures, ordinations, receptions or dismissions of ministers or licentitates, or other ecclesiastical changes, for preservation in the printed Minutes of this Synod.

The following action was taken with regard to the crime of polygamy:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, of the Reformed Church in America, in Annual Session at Paramus, N. J., May 4, 1881, hereby declare our hearty approval of the utterances of the President of the United States in his Inaugural Address about Mormon polygamy; and we respectfully and earnestly urge our National Legislature to enact, and our President to enforce, such laws and regulations as will, with thorough effectiveness, and with the least possible delay, erase this foul blot from our National territory, reputation and character.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod be directed to

send certified copies of these resolutions to President James A. Garfield, and to each of the National Representatives and Senators in Congress, who were elected by the constituencies of which the members of our Churches and Congregations form a part.

Whereas, The members of the Particular Synod desire to express their appreciation of the whole-souled Christian hospitality that has been extended to them by the pastor and members of the Church of Paramus, recognizing not only the abundant provision that has been made for our comfort, but also the brotherly, cordial, and Christain spirit with which we have been received into their homes and hearts; therefore,

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick do hereby most heartily thank the pastor, officers, and members of the Church of Paramus for their entertainment, and pray that God in His goodness will bless them abundantly in all things both temporal and spiritual.

Four hundred (400) copies of the Minutes were ordered to be printed.

Five dollars were directed to be paid to the sexton for his services during the Sessions of the Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations by the Classes were confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Leopold Mohn,	Elder John Zulauf,
" Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D.,	" Peter Du Bois,
" William R. Gordon, D.D.,	" Isaac D. Demarest.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Howard Suydam,	Elder S. C. Barber,
" Theo. B. Romeyn, D.D.,	" W. E. Skinner,
" Alex. H. Warner,	" Robert Willan.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D.D.,	Elder Jacob Van Horne,
" Henry W. F. Jones,	" Garret E. Winants,
" Henry M. Cox,	" John V. R. Vreeland.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D.,	Elder Isaac I. Vanderbeck,
" Cornelius Brett,	" E. P. Buffet, M.D.,
" Henry Mattice,	" James C. Lindsay.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. H. Ballagh,	Elder George Allard,
" Garret C. Schenck,	" Lafayette Schenck,
" Elias Mead,	" G. S. Luyster.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. W. Allen,	Elder Lewis Parker,
" Chas. D. Buck,	" H. O. Luyster,
" Hendrick A. Hendrickson,	" John Van Mater.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William H. Gleason,	Elder William H. Kirk,
" Henry M. Voorhees,	" John C. Woodruff,
" Louis H. Bahler,	" C. C. Hine.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. E. Hart, D.D.,	Elder William Robb,
" Oscar Gesner,	" Benj. C. Miller,
" Henry Vehslage,	" John A. Scott.



Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward T. Corwin, D.D., Elder J. V. D. Hoagland,
" Mancius H. Hutton, D.D., " Hervey McDonald,
" John E. Lyall, " H. Garretson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edward Lord, Elder Johnson Letson,
" William R. Taylor, " Peter Staats,
" James Le Fevre, " E. Van Syckle.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., Elder John W. Ferdon,
" John Gaston, D.D., " G. Van Nostrand,
" Edward Lodewick, " J. Ferris Boice,
" John C. Van Deventer, " C. H. Demarest.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Geo. M. S. Blauvelt, Elder T. M. Moore,
" Asher Anderson, " J. A. Marinus,
" Robert M. Offord, " Henry Smith,
" J. Huyssoon, " George Vreeland.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. R. Koopman, Elder K. De Vogel,
" H. E. Nies, " John Cornelisse,
" J. C. Cruikshank, " John Wortman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James E. Bernart, Elder Edward J. Brown,
" James Demarest, " A. M. Smith,
" John N. Jansen, " William S. Williams.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. W. Cook,	Elder A. W. Given,
" Abram J. Martine,	" M. L. Carhart,
" Benj. C. Lippincott,	" Abram Lukens.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Abram R. Van Nest, D.D.,	Elder Daniel S. Jones,
" C. F. C. Suckow,	" Thomas Cooper,
" Sydney C. Lawsing,	" J. Vreeland, Jr.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.,	Elder Abram C. Whitenack,
" Charles T. Anderson,	" Zechariah Z. Smith,
" William E. Davis,	" Bergun B. Burniston.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Charles H. Pool,	Elder John S. Haynes,
" Cornelius H. Edgar, D.D.,	" Justus M. Silliman,
" Frederick E. Schleider,	" John Becker.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

The following were appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. William Reiley. *Secundus,* Rev. William H. Gleason.

To the Particular Synod of Albany—Primarius, Rev. John N. Jansen. *Secundus,* Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. Samuel T. Searle. *Secundus,* Rev. Philip M. Doolittle.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Hillsborough, at Millstone, N. J., (Rev. Dr. Corwin's), on the first Tuesday in May, 1882, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer, the doxology and the benediction, at the close of the evening service of the second day.

CORNELIUS BRETT, *President.*
I. COLLIER, *Adsessor.*

JOHN HART,
B. V. D. WYCKOFF, } *Clerks pro tem.*

A true copy from the original Minutes.

CHARLES H. POOL, *Stated Clerk.*

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

THE Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Regular Session in the Reformed Church of Hillsborough, at Millstone, N. J., on Tuesday, May 2d, 1882, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and continued in session until Wednesday evening, May 3d.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Isaac Collier, Adsessor of the last Synod, the President not having arrived at the hour of assembling. The Synodical sermon was preached in the evening by Rev. Cornelius Brett, President of the last Synod, from Isaiah 4:5;—"And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence." This text was the same that was used by the Rev. Theoderick Romeyn, in the same place, and on a similar occasion, one hundred years ago. The sermon was largely a historical review of those early and troublous times of the little struggling Church of that period, and of the Synod, composed of nine members, (five Ministers and four Elders,) that convened in the Church of New Millstone just one hundred years ago.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Rev. George Seibert, Leopold Mohn. *Elders*, C. S. Cooper, H. Schmidt.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Rev. Cornelius Brett, Philetus T. Pockman, Henry M. Cox. *Elders*, Henry Coleman, Jasper Cubberly, B. M. Franks.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, Rev. Hendrick A. Hendrickson, Isaac P. Brokaw, Wm. H. Ballagh.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, Henry Vehslage. *Elders*, Nelson Jacobus, Francis R. Baker, Wm. H. Kirk, Samuel O. Crane.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Rev. M. H. Hutton, E. T. Corwin, Jas. Cruikshanks, Wm. R. Taylor, Thomas C. Easton. *Elders*, Hiram Garretson, Adrian Merrill, Peter A. Voorhees.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Rev. C. E. Crispell, Asher Anderson, Jno. C. Van Deventer. *Elders*, Garret Van Nostrand, John Wisner.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, Rev. Benj. V. D. Wyckoff, James Kemlo.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Rev. Isaac Collier, Abm. R. Van Nest, Chas. F. C. Suckow, Sidney O. Lawsing. *Elders*, John Krusen, John Bastedo.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Rev. J. P. Searle, John H. Smock. *Elders*, John H. Brokaw, Peter Schomp.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Mancius H. Hutton was elected *President.*

Rev. John C. Van Deventer was elected *Adsessor.*

Rev. William R. Taylor and Rev. Henry M. Cox were elected *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Cornelius Brett, C. F. C. Suckow. *Elder*, Garret Van Nostrand.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. Wm. H. Ballagh, J. Preston Searle. *Elder*, Peter Schomp.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. Abm. R. Van Nest, James Kemlo. *Elder*, John Krusen.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. C. E. Crispell, Thos. C. Easton. *Elder*, Wm. H. Kirk.

On Nominations.—Revs. Edward T. Corwin, Henry Vehslage. *Elder*, John H. Brokaw.

On the Questorate.—Revs. Isaac Collier, Asher Anderson. *Elder*, Hiram Garretson.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

None were received.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, and of the General Synod for 1881, were placed upon the table for the use of Delegates, and referred to the appropriate Committee.

A letter was received and read from Rev. Geo. J. Van Nest, as Delegate from the Particular Synod of Albany, conveying the fraternal greetings of the Synod of Albany to this Synod.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report, that they have examined the Minutes of the four Particular Synods and of the General Synod for 1881.

I. In the Minutes of the Particular Synods they find nothing demanding the attention of this Synod.

II. In the Minutes of General Synod, page 693, attention is called to the Constitutional Requirements with reference to the regular expounding of the system of Christian doctrine as comprehended in the Heidelberg Catechism, and on page 729, attention is again called to the rule of General Synod requiring the Particular Synods to send up to the General Synod a transcript of the Classical record with regard to the answers to the Constitutional questions.

It appears that this Synod was the only one of the four to comply with the rule; but the General Synod, nevertheless, complains, that although the second question respecting the preaching of the Catechism in several instances met with a negative answer, the matter was not inquired into, the omission unrebuked.

The Committee of General Synod are disposed to regard the matter very seriously, and deem this a sad state of things, and sufficient to account for much of the ill success in matters of religion of which the Synods complain. On their recommendation the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That Particular Synods, Classes and Consistories be enjoined to see that every covenant engagement, as above referred to, be honestly and religiously observed, so that among all our people there may be a homogeneous and constant growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We take commendable pride in the fidelity of our Stated Clerk, and in our Synod as a law-abiding body, and although your Committee cannot agree with the report of General Synod's Committee that our growth in grace and in the knowledge

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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On the Questorate.—Revs. Isaac Collier, Asher Anderson. *Elder*, Hiram Garretson.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

None were received.

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The Committee on Classical Reports begs leave to present the following statement:

The number of Churches and ministers remains unaltered. Candidates for the ministry are as in last year's report. There is a decrease in the column of families by 26, but this is accounted for by the desire in some Churches to correct their statistical tables, and by others not filing up the items. When we come to the members received, the statement is very cheering, there being an increase of 1834, as compared with 1511 admitted in the previous record, fully twenty per cent.; and much the larger part are new converts, or solid gain. The fact that the total membership does not show a similar growth, being only 300, is explained by the laudable desire to present the true state of things. The Sunday Schools reveal a very remarkable advance, and the Classis of Paramus has given special attention to the training of its youth. There has been an addition of 2,000 children to the Sunday School army of this Classis.

The most marked feature which runs through nearly every report is the general material prosperity of our churches. There is frequent mention of obligations paid off, of chapel or parsonage erected and the Classis of Monmouth takes pride in entire freedom from debt. There has been a handsome increase in benevolent contributions, attaining to $58,675.04, while the amount for congregational purposes has reached the sum of $274,052.02, a large improvement in this method of showing love to the good cause.

The survey of such documents presents a study not only interesting but very profitable and hopeful. We see that each modest minister with his little Church is doing his part in the great Kingdom work of the Master. The small rills descending from mountains and rising in valleys unite in creating the mighty river of benevolence which is blessing the world, each man and woman and child holding an important place in making up the thousands that fill up our columns. The army is not complete if one soldier is out of his place in the ranks.

Another evident fact is the great conscientiousness shown in making up these tables and reports. It is clear that the endeavor is honestly put forth to present the Churches in their true light, not hiding any defect nor bestowing over much praise.

With the general prosperity of the country the Church is receiving its share of benefit, but in its train follows an influ-

ence that weakens the spirit of true religion. Materialism in its various forms enters even into the house of God and sometimes blights and injures the plants of grace. While, then, Providence is blessing us in temporal things, while it is adding to our stores of wealth, let us remember that we hold these treasures only as stewards of the great Husbandman, and as one of the Classes suggests there should be a great prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that Christians may keep their garments clean in an evil day, that they may not be conformed to the present world and may have their banner elevated high in mid heaven as the children of light. The Classis of Raritan requests General Synod to make a clearer deliverance on the column headed "Baptized non-communicants," and for general information we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Particular Synod requests from the General Synod a clear definition of the class of persons which are intended under the term in our statistical tables "Baptized non-communicants."

It is our duty to notice those of our beloved brethren who have passed over to the majority and entered into the joy of the Lord: Rev. John Gardner, of Harlingen, after forty years of an honored and laborious ministry; Rev. Ferdinand H. Van Derveer, thirty-four years the faithful minister of Warwick, and Rev. William F. Betz who died in Holland, June 5, 1881. These men died in faith, their works do follow them, and they sleep in Jesus.

The reports of the different Classes accompany this document and are appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

ABM. R. VAN NEST, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee would report that they have examined the reports of the various Churches, and find that while there has not been during the past year any special work of grace, yet the Churches all report the state of Religion very encouraging.

The *First Church of Hackensack* reports: "As against the previous year, we give an encouraging report. Then we reported one by confession and three by certificate; now we report ten by confession and fifteen by certificate, and we thank God and take courage."

The *Church of English Neighborhood* reports: "Death and removals have seriously affected the church, but notwithstanding these discouragements we look for a blessing. Our Sabbath School is well attended."

The *Church of Closter* reports that the year has been one of sowing rather than of reaping. Excepting this fact, in every other respect the state of the church is very encouraging. They are enjoying unity and peace, and financially are on a good footing.

The *Church of North Bergen* reports that the Divine services on the Lord's day and Wednesday evenings have been regularly held. The condition of the church, both in spiritual and financial matters, remains about the same as last year.

The *Church of The Palisades* reports no marked gains, either in number or financial ability, yet "we are steadily holding our own and exerting a decided influence upon the community."

The *Church of Hoboken* renders no report of its spiritual condition, but we gather from its statistical report that there is a marked improvement. The debt has been reduced $800, and several have been added to the membership of the church.

The *Third Church of Hackensack* reports encouraging progress in every department of church work. The debt of $800 has been reduced to $200, and in addition to this the church has been greatly improved.

The *Church of Schraalenburg* reports a very encouraging condition. It has remembered all our Boards and reports a large increase over last year in benevolent contributions.

Central Avenue Church reports: "The congregations have steadily grown during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Handy, and there is a fair spiritual interest."

The *German Evangelical Church*, of Hoboken, reports her debt reduced somewhat during the year, and that there is cause for thanksgiving in the temporal and spiritual prosperity of the church.

The *Second Church of Hackensack* reports that there is nothing marked or special to mention. Attendance is gratifying, and the activity in church work has been encouraging. Financially, the church has never been in a better condition.

The *Park Reformed Church*, Jersey City, mourns its spiritual dearth, but expresses the hope that God has blessings in store

for it. The church is at peace, and all the ordinances have been observed. Arrangements have been made for more effective work in the future.

The *Church at Guttenburg* has nothing special to report. The spiritual condition of the church is good, and the hope is expressed that God will so bless the preaching of the Gospel, that the church, at no distant day, may become self-supporting.

The *Church at Cherry Hill* reports a hopeful condition of things. Very great interest is taken in the prayer meeting, and the attendance upon the church services has been very good.

In the examination of the above reports your Committee is led to suggest that perhaps one reason why so few additions to the churches are reported, lies in the fact that the individual activities of the members are not called forth in church work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. SEIBERT, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of the Churches would respectfully report: The Census of Families presents few and insignificant changes, with a small increase. Every Church has received additions to its membership on confession of faith, but in most instances the number is small, and nowhere has there been a special manifestation of Spiritual Power. The aggregate seems exceedingly small when we remember the capital invested in our Church property, the expenditure for congregational purposes, and the personal efforts put forth.

Three Churches show a decreased roll of communicants: Six have gained from one to twelve each. The Second Church of Hudson City, while reporting an addition of thirty-six and a loss of only fifteen, repeats the total membership of last year, which is probably due to a revision of the roll. The net gain of membership taken in detail appears to be forty-eight, which, by a comparison of totals, is reduced to twenty-seven.

The Churches of First Bayonne, Bergen Point, Second Hudson City, and Greenville, make no record of baptized non-communicants. The small number of baptisms administered, save in our German Church, revives the query, whether there be no more children in the families of our Churches, or whether parents are negligent of the ordinances of God's House.

The contributions for benevolent and Congregational pur-

poses do not vary materially from those of last year; while the Churches which have contributed towards the debt of the Free Reformed Church of Jersey City have exceeded their average, other Churches seem to have fallen behind.

The written reports from the Churches, while lamenting a dearth of spiritual manifestation, breathe a spirit of hopefulness and intense yearning for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. In temporal affairs the congregations seem to have been prospered. One Church has built a new chapel; another has made extensive repairs and improvements; in another a beautiful new pulpit has been placed; two have cancelled their Church debts; in other cases debts have been reduced. Two congregations are just putting on the harness to labor with new pastors of their choice. Harmony prevails throughout our borders. Sunday Schools are prosperous. The ordinances are faithfully administered, and the services of the sanctuary are well attended. If we are to sum up all in a word, we would characterize the year as one of preparation and expectation, rather than of increase and success.

The *Church of Bergen* reports the building of a new chapel as an annex to the main edifice, at a cost of $11,000. It was dedicated January 29, 1882, and a comparatively small proportion of debt remains unpaid. "The necessary labors incident to such an important work have drawn the people closely together. The congregations have never been larger during the present pastorate, the Sunday School steadily increases, and best of all a marked Spiritual interest, especially among the young, has been aroused. At the last communion season ten were added to the Church on confession of faith."

The *First Church of Jersey City* reports that Rev. William Westerfield, Jr., continues to minister to the congregation with great acceptance. These is no special interest in religious matters, although prayer meeting and lecture are better attended than usual.

The *First Church of Bayonne* reports: "The year has been one of severe trial in the loss of a beloved pastor, and in the absence of pastoral care during the period prior to securing a successor. Our condition is most favorable at present; our debt being cancelled, our people are united and hopefully laboring."

The *Second Church of Jersey City* reports nothing worthy of special mention. There has been a fair attendance upon the

Sabbath Services and weekly prayer meeting, but a lamentable absence of any visible evidence of the converting influence of the Holy Ghost. The Church has joined heartily in the effort to save the Free Church of Jersey City, by paying off its debt.

The *Church of Bergen Point*, in a very thankful spirit, reports: "The year has been one of prosperity, in both Spiritual and temporal things. Every dollar of indebtedness has been removed. Peace and quiet are present with us."

The *Second Church of Hudson City* reports satisfactory progress in the work. "Services are well attended, the spirit of love and peace reigns in our congregation. The activity of our people for the welfare of the church is increasing. The Ladies' Society has presented a very fine pulpit worth $200. The minister's salary has been raised, and the debt reduced. The Sabbath School is in a very good condition. The Parochial School has a very good religious influence on the population."

The *Church of Lafayette* reports: "Our Church life during the year has been progressive, with no marked periods of blessing, but a steady increase of earnestness. The congregations have been unusually large. The church edifice was repaired, painted without and frescoed within, by means of liberal subscriptions, which did not interfere with the free gifts of the congregation to meet current expenses."

The *Church of Greenville* reports that after a vacancy of seven months, the Rev. P. T. Pockman began his labors as the second Pastor, on the second Sabbath in September last. "Since that date there has been harmonious and devoted work in every branch of Christian industry. Attendance at the services has increased. Two young ladies have been received into membership on confession. It has been decided to contribute henceforth to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions."

The *Free Church of Jersey City* reports: "All our regular services were well sustained until the second Sabbath in July, when we closed our chapel, deeming it no longer safe. From July 17th to September 4th, the Second Church of Jersey City kindly gave the use of their lecture room for a Sabbath evening service, and a week day prayer meeting. Since then we have held a week day cottage prayer meeting. By patient, persevering and persistent effort a floating debt of $860 and a mortgage of $4,000 have been liquidated, and a deed for the property placed in possession of our Board of Domestic Missions. Re-

pairs to the amount of $1,300 will be begun immediately, and we are hopefully looking forward to the time when we may worship God again in our dear chapel."

The *Third Church of Bayonne* reports that Rev. C. F. A. Klein has been preaching as stated supply since December last, and the work is progressing with encouragement. Efforts are being made to pay the debt, and the congregation is increasing.

The *South Bergen Church* reports: "Amid trials and difficulties of no ordinary character, the Gospel has been preached, the ordinances administered, and the usual means of grace enjoyed. Spiritually, the year has been more than usually barren; in temporal affairs there has been an improvement. The prospect for the future is cheering."

Ministerial Changes.

1. The Rev. Charles Girtanner, who was received as a probationer under the care of Classis at the the Fall Session of 1879, having been supplying the pulpit of the Second Church of Hudson City for a year and a half with great acceptance, was, on examination and a careful scrutiny of his credentials, received as a member of Classis, and duly installed pastor of the church May 29th, 1881.

2. The Rev. P. T. Pockman was received from the Classis of Passaic, and on the 9th of October, 1881, was installed pastor of the Church of Greenville.

3. The Rev. Wm. W. Knox was received from the Presbytery of Nassau, Long Island, and installed, November 27th, 1881, pastor of the First Church of Bayonne.

4. The Rev. Chas. H. Stitt, pastor of the First Church of Bayonne, died April 20th, 1881, the day after the Spring meeting of Classis. As an illustration of the uncertainty of human life, we note that the last annual report of our Classis contains an epitome of the report for 1881 from the First Church of Bayonne, written by this highly esteemed and lamented brother; while as a foot note of the report is a memorandum by the Stated Clerk, making a minute of Dr. Stitt's decease. Hopefully the pastor saith, "With strong inner spiritual life, a prosperous Sunday School, good attendance and attention at the church service and prayer meeting, there is promise of better things for Bayonne in the near future." Before the report was in print, a weeping church had gathered around the mortal remains of him



who had been their friend as well as pastor. This year another hand grasps the sickle to reap where another has sown.

5. The Rev. Carl F. A. Klein was received from the Classis of Bergen, April 18, 1882, and recognized as the stated supply of the Third Church of Bayonne.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS BRETT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The Committee reports as follows: An accurate report of your committee is hindered by the absence of the Consistorial reports of the churches of Keyport and Spottswood. All the other churches sent their testimonials duly. Some re-echo David generally and "praise the Lord." Some reiterate John the Baptist, and proclaim the "kingdom of God at hand," while others positively affirm "the Lord hath done great things for them." We are impressed as we read. The churches seem to move a year's journey heavenward over the records. Before our eye passes the conflict, the voices of preachers, warmed with the earnest of the Spirit, resound to Mount Zion, with songs of rejoicing upon their heads the people assemble, and this is the anthem yet ascending: "Nearer my God to Thee." In all reports there is an under-current of cheer. Hope, like an anchor to the common soul of the churches, secures the present and assures for the future. On the face of each it nowhere appears, yet welling up from the significant depths of all, we seem to hear the whispered prophecy, Progress, Blessing, Victory. "Hope thou in God, for thou shalt yet praise him who is the health of thy countenance and thy God."

Financially. With the churches of *First Freehold*, *Second Freehold*, *Asbury Park* and *Middletown*, we glorify Him whose is the gold and silver. Debt, at the last Classical meeting, caused these churches to groan actually, and the Classis sympathetically. To-day even its shadows are fled and we laugh all around. Marlboro Church has inaugurated a movement which results not only in freeing from old incumbrances, but also secures moneys for extensive reparation of the Church building. Freehold Church, on last Thanksgiving services, spontaneously sang "Old Hundred" in response to an announcement of the entire removal of a financial calamity, which at one time threatened the loss of that valuable Church property. Asbury Park

last May, realized the achievement of the praiseworthy purpose to "owe no man anything;" and Middletown worships in a repaired and beautified sanctuary, so clear of all incumbrances that its very tints are rendered thereby like unto "pure gold" and its walls like unto "jasper and emerald." *Second Long Branch* also merits the warmest commendation for so nobly and so successfully *sustaining itself*. We hail the incoming of such happy tidings! Although so comparatively large debts have been liquidated, still the contributions of the Classis for congregational purposes are less than the year previous. And while less has been given to self, more has been returned to God. For religious and benevolent purposes we have made the glorious advance to $3,917.87, giving an increase of $2,287.11 above that of the previous year. Indeed, $2,000 of this increase are due to particular legacies donated by Ellen A. Hasbrook, of the Church of Freehold. Yet as a Classis we fain would hold this rate of beneficence, till a keen realization of the truth: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," should spur us annually to *increase* rather than to *lessen* it.

If rightly informed, with one exception, the Churches of the Classis have now no financial obligation to the world. The Classis, as such, is then virtually free. Unblushingly it can call to its Church members and brethren of the world to share the profits with the Great Giver. Yea, more, to this is it not *now* unanswerably bound? Is not this talent the gift of God? As such should it not be returned with usury? Compared with the sister Classes, which constitute the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, the Classis of Monmouth is the weakest in the privilege of benevolence. The Classis of Newark stands highest, giving one dollar for religious and benevolent purposes, to every one dollar and a half for congregational purposes. Our Classis, the lowest, allows the ungenerous proportion of one dollar only, for benevolence, to every ten dollars and a half for home uses. Can we do anything to mend this ragged condition? Certainly, for the methods pursued of late years by the Church of Freehold, and the systems inaugurated by the Church of Marlboro and the Church of Middletown in the past year, show the gold to be extant, and available, by proper means. Is not this our hour to strike? Surely, *home prosperity obligates* to corresponding efforts and generosity in the interest of the church at large;

and, "to whom much is given, from him also shall much be required."

Of the *Church of Highlands*, whose pastor receives little from his hearers for his earthly support, we make mention, and earnestly respond to his appeal that the great head of the Church may grant him needed temporal blessings, while encouraging him in spiritual labors.

Some reports cast a passing gloom. Death never fails. Figures *always* in its columns appear. One church, that of Marlboro, has suffered its presence twenty-two times. In *eight* of these instances, members of the flock were borne hence. Not one church-family has escaped repeated visits from this unwelcome guest. For this we mourn together. But when we remember that though the flocks are smitten, the shepherds are spared, and again meet "face to face," we agree that the "Good Shepherd who giveth his life for the sheep," is merciful, and "worthy to be praised." It is also our pleasure at this session gladly to receive the certificate of dismissal from the Classis of Geneva of our reverend father in the ministry, the Rev. Dr. Ransford Wells, and to welcome, in behalf of the Second Church of Long Branch, the Rev. W. H. Phraner, whose labors in its midst as stated supply have already received the approval of the people and the favor of the Lord. Rev. Stephen J. Harmeling also has been ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and installed as pastor of the Reformed Church of Spottswood. Rev. Edgar B. Enos has withdrawn his membership from the Classis. Rev. Ralph Willis has been dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick.

Spiritually.

The *general* prospect is brightening. Although the removals, by death and dismissal, outnumber those of the former year, we note a net gain in the more important particulars. The "total in communion" is greater by forty-one, the number of baptisms, catechumens and Sunday School scholars greater, and from our weaker churches especially, as also from the stronger, come the good news of growing audiences, growing interest in worship, and more earnest pleading for a larger measure of the Holy Ghost. Best of all, the churches have been *generally* encouraged in the matter of conversions. We rejoiced with the First Church of Long Branch in her unusual ingathering a year ago. Now she rejoices in the accession of five new converts, but also ex-

tends her congratulations to several of her sister churches. The Master has given a handful to each, more especially favoring Asbury Park, Freehold and Colts Neck. So abundant has been the *general distribution*, that (notwithstanding the large accession of fifty-one souls to one church) in the aggregate the number of conversions nearly equals that of the former year. Then, as to the most important of all interests—the salvation of the soul—the Classis has reason to give peculiar thanks. It ought to be of good cheer. If this *general* ingathering hath any special speech, saith it not, "The shadows no more lengthen, the night is far spent," and the day is at hand. The year testifies to a *general* growth in spiritual interests and blessing, and deepens our conviction that the "word is sure," and confirms our faith that these droppings anticipate approaching showers.

When we record such a general dissemination of Divine mercies, and consider how manfully yet fight, and tenaciously yet trust those churches, to whom but little of such stimulus has come, we feel the Master has for you all a "well done." Let us then not stand with vision strained and cry out, "Return O Lord, how long!" Rather should we be expectant. "Behold the fields white unto the harvest," and Zion beckoning the reapers. Let us sin less, love much, give, work, pray and trust more, hoping by the guidance of the Holy Ghost and the inspiring presence of the Master "to present ourselves approved with God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. HENDRICKSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would make the following report to Classis:

We have fourteen churches and five ministers without charge. Ten of our churches have regular settled pastors, two have stated supplies and two are for the present vacant. One of our ministers without charge is waiting for some field of labor, two are employed in the very important work of academic and collegiate instruction, and the remaining two are enjoying a well earned and needed rest, after many years of faithful service to Christ and His Church.

The reports come to us with much of encouragement and

hope, and none of them without some additions from the world. There has been no large manifestation of the Spirit's converting power in any of our churches, but the faithful preaching of the Word and the honoring of God's holy ordinances have not been in vain.

Our youngest Church, at Plainfield, has already grown to stately proportions, and in membership, benevolence and Christian work takes rank with our oldest and strongest churches. Besides paying all its current expenses for the year, it has cleared off a chattel mortgage of $2,500 and given for benevolence over $800, and added 48 to its communion. The Church at Linden casts aside her garments of mourning and puts on the robe of rejoicing. By hard struggle and noble effort the burden of mortgage and foreclosure has been removed, and they are practically free from debt.

By a sale of parsonage property the East Reformed Church of Newark has dismissed its debt, and finds the burden less heavy to carry.

Stone House Plains has renovated its house of worship at considerable expense without incurring any debt.

Looking at all our churches, from the various reports that we have of them, we find that every department of church work shows gradual growth, health and life; but, as is usual, we will let the churches speak for themselves.

Belleville reports that, having been without a pastor since the first of November last, the regular Sabbath services have been maintained with the usual attendance, and prayer meetings have been regularly held. "The Sabbath School is kept up with its usual interest, and seventeen Chinese have been received into it at their own request, and appear to be anxious to learn about the Bible as well as the English language."

Irvington sends only its statistical table.

The Second Reformed of Newark says: "We have cast forth the anchors of faith and hope and are waiting for the dawn."

Franklin reports that during the year clouds and darkness have been round about them, but light has dawned, and good cheer and hope have taken the place of doubts and fears. "On the first of March we entered upon the plan of weekly subscriptions, and we have thus considerably more money pledged the Church with which to meet our demands, and in addition to this we have received legacies lately through the last will and

testament of two of our aged members. Our Sabbath School is in a very flourishing condition; our Sabbath services are well attended and there are unmistakable evidences of renewed energy and a disposition to rally all the forces to sustain the Church and help on the work of the Lord in our midst."

West Newark says: "The year has been in every respect a blessed one for us; Church and School have increased and peace and harmony prevail."

Clinton Avenue reports that "it has been a year of internal growth and of outward prosperity. The statistics show some increase of membership and considerable activity in good works has been maintained by the various organizations for Christian usefulness. Latterly there has also been a large increase in the attendance upon the weekly prayer meetings which has been stimulated by the Christian zeal and personal effort of some of our Church members."

East Newark sends only its statistical table, but we are possessed of the knowledge that the struggling faithful few of that little Church are about to call a student from our own Seminary at New Brunswick to become their pastor, as soon as he shall have completed his theological studies.

Linden says: "The year in some respects has been to us an eventful one. From the very depths of depression, and almost despair, we have been lifted to high hopes of usefulness and prosperity. We feel thankful that the great burden of debt is lifted, and while we cannot anticipate any rapid growth on account of the small size of the town, yet we do hope henceforth to be a permanent Church and in a small way, at least, to accomplish a work for God."

Stone House Plains reports: "The past year has been with us one of quiet but continued prosperity. There have been made some much needed repairs upon the Church edifice, and the expenses have all been met by the congregation. The finances of the Church are in a good condition. There has been a growing spirituality among the people during the year, which has manifested itself in a more regular attendance upon the means of grace and in increased Christian activity."

Plainfield makes its report with gratefulness of heart. "God has revealed his favor to us in so many ways that we cannot tell the whole story. We were but a feeble flock, but with prayer and praise we built our house on the Rock, and through grace

we to-day feel established. In temporal things we have been blessed beyond our expectations. Our Sunday School has made great progress. The Ladies' Christian Work Society has been a most efficient organization; among many other things its members have, by faithful and systematic calling, united the whole congregation, so that we have few strangers among us. For all that has been done we give the glory to Him who hath wrought in us to will and to do of his good pleasure."

The First Church of Newark says: "The past year has been one of prosperity and progress. The additions to the congregation and Church have been larger than in any other year of this pastorate. No marked revival has been apparent, yet the spiritual interest of the Church has been steadily sustained. Entire harmony has prevailed and willing workers have responded to every call."

North Newark reports: "The Church during the past year has been blessed with a fair share of prosperity. There is an increased attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel at both services. The Church prayer meeting is well attended and considerable interest taken in its services, and some of the younger men are taking part in the exercises of the meeting. The Sabbath Schools are well attended, and much good seems to be accomplished by their instrumentality."

The First Church of Orange sends only its statistical table, and verbally reports a growing interest in every department of Church work.

Woodside says: "The Church is growing in every department. The congregation has doubled in average attendance. The prayer meetings are full of interest and attended by fifty per cent. of the adult congregation. The Sabbath School is growing steadily and 140 of the 157 enrolled members in average attendance." It is with regret we notice that a church and minister working together so harmoniously and successfully have not been brought into the closer relationship contemplated by the order and government of the Reformed Church.

Ministerial Changes.

Rev. A. G. Vermilye was dismissed to the Classis of New York November 8, 1881; Rev. John Kershaw to the Congregational Association of New Jersey Feb. 16, 1882, and Rev. David Waters was received from the Presbytery of St.

John, New Brunswick, Canada, July 27, 1881, and installed over the North Reformed Church of Newark. Rev. H. M. Voorhees was released from the pastoral charge at Belleville, Nov. 8, 1881, and still remains in connection with our Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

F. V. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Classis of New Brunswick, beg leave to report as follows:

Reports more or less complete have been received from all the churches, except those of Bound Brook and Third New Brunswick. An examination of them shows general peace and harmony; but it has not been a year of remarkable blessing to the churches generally, the First church of New Brunswick being the only one which has had a very large accession by confession of faith. In most of the churches there has been a falling off in contributions both for benevolent and congregational purposes, although in two or three of them these have increased. The general tone of the reports is encouraging, and several speak with gratitude of the presence and blessing of the spirit. Subjoined are, as usual, brief extracts from the several reports.

First New Brunswick.—"A year of peculiar interest. We have been called to part with a large number by death and dismissions, yet are able to report an increase in numerical strength." Extensive improvements in the church edifice have been completed and paid for. Mention is made of the offer of the Second Church of New Brunswick of the use of their house of worship during the repairs, as a "beautiful token of the love and sympathy between us as churches." During a brief season of awakening thirty persons were received on confession. The benevolent contributions of the church have not diminished while under increased expense for repairs.

Six Mile Run.—"All the usual services have been held, and largely attended. There has been no marked revival interest; but during the year twenty-five, most of whom were young persons, have been received on confession."

Hillsborough.—"The year has passed quietly; the attendance has been as good as usual; the Sabbath Schools are flourishing." The Consistory account for a diminution in contributions by a

succession of poor crops and the diminution of business on account of changes in the lines of travel. They also speak of losses of prominent men by death, and conclude by asking if some plan cannot be devised to avert the negligence of removing members in applying for certificates.

Middlebush.—The Consistory speak of having suffered, in common with other rural parishes, from scanty crops, as well as from unusually numerous deaths and dismissions. But the attendance has been good. The congregation is harmonious and characterized by a loyal, Christian spirit, and the Sabbath School is increasing. In addition to an effective year of service by the Women's Auxiliary to Foreign Missions, the young ladies have organized another society to supply home deficiencies.

Griggstown.—This church is vacant, and only its statistical report has been received; but the figures show an increase over last year in the number received, both by confession and certificate.

Second New Brunswick.—The number received on confession is more than threefold that of last year, but there has been no large accession on any one occasion. The attendance has been satisfactory at church, Sunday School and prayer meeting. A Women's Auxiliary to Domestic Missions has been organized. All floating debt has been discharged by the large liberality of the people. The contributions are considerably in excess of those of last year. The Ministry gratefully acknowledge the Divine blessing.

Bound Brook.—This church has lost its pastor by his removal to another field.

Third New Brunswick.—Services have been kept up as usual during the past year, but no report of particulars has been received.

East Millstone.—"The ordinances have been duly observed, and the attendance and attention on the Sabbaths are encouraging. The Sabbath School is small in number, but in good working order." The Consistory most earnestly implores a baptism of the Holy Spirit on the church.

Metuchen.—This church has received a pastor during the year, and has been greatly blessed during the brief period it has enjoyed his labors. The attendance has increased. The Sabbath School has doubled, and special interest was developed

during the Week of Prayer, as a result of which a number have already united with the church.

Ministerial Changes.

The following changes have taken place during the year: The Rev. T. C. Easton, D. D., was installed May 11, 1881, as pastor of the First Church of New Brunswick. The Rev. James Cruikshanks was received from the Presbytery of Freeport, Ill., Jan. 30, 1882, and installed pastor of the church of Metuchen Feb. 23, 1882. The Rev. Edward Lord was released on account of ill health from the church of Metuchen June 1, 1881, and the Rev. J. Edward Lyall was released from the church of Bound Brook Oct. 3d, 1881, and dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie. Messrs. S. J. Harmeling, Jonah Vaughn and W. H. Williamson, of the last Senior Class in the Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel May 23, 1880, and subsequently dismissed respectively to the Classis of Monmouth, Passaic and Raritan. Respectfully submitted,

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Your Committee in presenting to the Classis the Annual Report, would respectfully state that reports have been received from all the churches. It cannot but be gratifying to all the members of the Classis to learn, that with few exceptions the reports received represent the interests of Religion to be on the increase. The number of families reported is 1,821, being an increase of 121 over the number reported last year. One hundred and ninety-two persons have been received upon confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, being an increase of seventy-two over the preceding year. One hundred and ninety-five persons have been added to our churches by certificate, being a gain of sixty-five over the previous year. We rejoice to state these facts, constituting as they do a subject of hearty congratulation and devout thanksgiving to God.

The watchmen upon the walls of Zion have been diligently engaged in preaching the Word of Life, and in spreading the knowledge of the truth in various ways, while throughout the bounds of the Classis there has been commendable attention to public worship on the Lord's Day, and weekly lectures and prayer meetings have generally been well attended.

The youth in our congregations have been the especial objects of attention. The system of Sabbath School instruction has been pursued with great and increasing success. Hundreds who, but for these institutions, would have grown up in ignorance and vice, the grief of their parents and the curse of the community, have been taught their duty to God, thus affording us good ground of hope that a glorious harvest of souls will sooner or later be gathered into the bosom of the Church.

Our churches generally are dwelling together in peace and harmony, and we know of no time when their external prosperity was greater. Our religious and charitable contributions during the past year have been commendable, and the thousands who may be blessed with the light of the Gospel as the result of what our churches have given to the Lord, will, we believe, pray for their success, and bless God for the exertions we have thus made for the salvation of immortal souls.

But we have not only reason to rejoice in the general increase of prosperity among our churches. There are also *special* reasons for thankfulness. During the past year some of our churches have received large accessions to their membership. The Church of Nyack has received 44 upon confession of faith, and 42 by certificate. The Holland Church of Wortendyke has received 43 upon confession of faith, and 25 by certificate. The Holland Church of Passaic has received 11 upon confession of faith, and 31 by certificate. The infant Church of Ridgewood has received 13 upon confession of faith, and 3 by certificate.

The Church of Acquackanonck reports: The word preached during the past year has proved to be "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Meetings for prayer have been well sustained. The Sabbath School continues prosperous. For the past twenty years the School has sustained a native helper in India, at a cost of $200 per annum. Thanking God, we take courage. Received on confession, 11; by certificate, 7.

The Broadway Church of Paterson reports: The services are well sustained. The church was for four months without a pastor. Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale was installed as pastor Nov. 3d, 1881. The congregation is united and prosperous. Thanking God for the record of the past, we take courage for the time to come. Received on confession, 10; by certificate, 4.

The Church of Clarkstown reports: Although, in the Providence of God, we are yet without a settled pastor, the pulpit is regularly supplied, and the services are very well attended. The peace and unity of the church is maintained. Brethren pray for us, that God will direct us in our affairs, and soon send us a man of His own choice. Received on confession, 9; by certificate, 3.

The First Holland Church of Paterson reports: The year has not been remarkable in any way to our church. The work of the Ministry has been done throughout the year without any interruption, and we trust that our work has not been in vain. Received on confession, 3; by certificate, 9.

The Holland Church of Lodi reports: Through God's mercy we have passed another year. The pastor has been able to do his work, and to preach the Gospel without prevention. We wait for the blessing of the Lord. Received on confession, 4.

The Holland Church of Passaic reports: During the year the church has been greatly blessed. Our Sabbath School especially has experienced God's blessing. The number of scholars has increased from 50 to 180. Received on confession, 11; by certificate, 31.

The Holland Church of Wortendyke reports: Since our Teaching Elder has been with us, this congregation is flourishing more and more. We feel encouraged and thankful. Our new church is completed, and every Sabbath it is filled to overflowing. The Sunday Schools are largely attended, and much interest is manifested. Our outlook for the future is indeed hopeful. Received on confession, 43; by certificate, 25.

The Second Church of Lodi reports: Through God's mercy, we dedicated our house of worship, costing $3,150, free of debt, in January last. We have not had the accessions we could have wished, nor is the Spiritual life and activity what we could desire. We have not, however, been without signs of God's presence, and marks of His favor. Received on confession, 2; by certificate, 2.

The North Church of Passaic reports: Our church has greatly prospered, and we have every reason to be grateful to the Great Head of the Church. The work has opened widely, particularly in the Sabbath School. We regret our inability to report a larger accession of saved souls; still there is every reason to believe that the church will presently reap an en-



couraging harvest. Received on confession, 2; by certificate, 9.

The Church of Nyack reports: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." He has bestowed Spiritual gifts in rich abundance, in answer to the earnest and persevering prayers of His people. The church has been wonderfully revived and strengthened. Believers have experienced a refreshing from on high, while sinners have been convicted and converted. No unusual means were employed to excite interest. Not a single extra meeting was held, but God blessed the preaching of the Word, the weekly prayer meeting, and visitation from house to house, and has made the hearts of His people glad, by His gracious answers to their prayers. Received on confession, 44; by certificate, 42.

The Church of Paramus reports: The gain in our membership has not been large, but all save one of those uniting on confession were received at our last Communion. There seems to be a seriousness on the part of others, whom we hope soon to welcome to the fellowship of Christ's people. There is an increase of interest in Bible study among adults. About fifty persons are reading the Bible systematically, under the direction of the pastor. The Sabbath School continues its work. The peace of the church has been unbroken, and prosperity has rested upon our financial interests. Received on confession, 8; by certificate, 4.

The Church of Pascack reports: During the past year the ordinary means of grace have been used without interruption. God has blessed the preaching of His Word in the conversion of souls. The church property has been improved. A spirit of harmony prevails throughout the entire congregation. Received on confession, 10; by certificate, 1.

The Church of Piermont reports: We report again Spiritual drought in our vineyard. We regret it, and wish that our regrets could deepen into sincere repentance of everything in us which hinders the reviving showers of grace. We are at peace among ourselves. The ordinances of religion are sustained; the charities of the church are not neglected; the Sunday School is flourishing; the prayer meeting retains its customary attendants. Undoubtedly some are strengthened in their Christian faith, but we sorely need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Received on confession, 2; by certificate, 6.

The Church of Ramapo reports: For more than a year

this church has been without a pastor, dependent for occasional religious services on candidates and supplies from abroad. We are now, however, hoping for better things, and the prospect is surely brighter than before. We need above all things the Holy Spirit here, to bind together the hearts of the people in unity and love. Received on confession, 2; by certificate, 2.

The Church of Ramseys reports: The church has been in an unsettled condition most of the past year. Recently things have taken a more stable and fixed shape, and the prospect for the future is hopeful. The congregation which was very much scattered, is being gathered together, and the audiences at the Sabbath services are increasing. The Sabbath School is doing well, and the prayer meetings are regularly kept up, and fairly attended. Received on confession, 2; by certificate, 2.

The Church of Ridgewood reports: The year has been one of blessing and comparative success. Temporarily, we have accomplished more than we dared to hope. We have cancelled a debt of $400, besides paying all other expenses of the church, and have secured a very desirable lot upon which a parsonage is in process of erection. Spiritually, we have enjoyed a good measure of God's presence. A number have been brought into the Kingdom. Nothing has disturbed the peace of the church. We remain united as from the first. Received on confession, 13; by certificate, 3.

The Church of Saddle River reports: The Church was comfortably cushioned last year, and now a new organ takes the place of the old. The old parsonage was taken down in December last, and a new one has been erected on a much better site at a cost of $1,500. There is increased fellowship and good will among the people and a higher moral and spiritual tone of thought and action. Received on confession, 2; by certificate, 3.

The Second Church of Totowa, Paterson, says: We have nothing of special interest to report, but simply that the regular services have been observed with ordinary interest. While there has been no special working of the Spirit, the tokens of Divine favor have not been altogether wanting. Received on confession, 8; by certificate, 1.

The Church of Spring Valley reports: We feel thankful for the many Divine favors which we enjoy. We earnestly desire and pray for a larger blessing upon our congregation to strengthen the graces bestowed and to communicate saving grace to the



many who are yet dead in trespasses and sins. We labor in faith and hope feeling that God giveth the increase and that the more readily we perform our duty the more eminent, usually, is the blessing of God working in us, and the more directly is His work advanced. Received on confession, 1; by certificate, 3.

The Church of Tappan reports: Though the Master is filling the mansions in the Church above from the ranks of our Church here, and the additions do not equal the losses in numbers, we have witness that the Lord is mighty to save, to uphold, and to cheer His people. Received on confession, 3; by certificate, 5.

The Church of Warwick reports: The year has been one of special trial. The inroads of death have been startling in their frequency. Prominent and useful members have been taken away, while new members have been received only in a proportion much below the average of the past five years. Among those whom the Church remembers with peculiar affection the list includes the names of the venerable Ferdinand H. Van Derveer, D. D., for thirty-four years, (1842–1876,) the faithful pastor of this Church; Mrs. Sally Christie, the aged widow of the Rev. John I. Christie, well beloved during his twenty-three years' pastorate of this Church, (1812–1835,) and Mrs. Carroll, the beloved and deeply lamented wife of the present pastor. But as a Church we have no disposition to question God's goodness and grace, or to murmur under His chastisement. On the contrary we wish to mention, with thanksgiving, the tokens of His kindness. He has supported the Church in perfect harmony, and has developed, in some degree, the spirit of benevolence among the members. During the year particular attention has been given by the pastor to instructions in the truths of the Word, and we believe the result has been the edification of souls. Received on confession, 2; by certificate, 1.

The Church of West New Hempstead is without a pastor, and sends simply a statistical table. Received by certificate, 2.

Though none of the reports make special mention of prevailing sins, there is doubtless sufficient cause for lamentation, admonition and rebuke. The lukewarmness and worldly spirit, which so generally prevail among the professed children of God, your Committee believe to be the immediate cause of much of that indifference to the one thing needful which is so prevalent among men of the world. We would solemnly call on

all such persons to search and try their ways and turn again to the Lord. Experience clearly shows that nothing can be more prejudicial to the interests of religion than the careless or irregular deportment of those who call themselves the disciples of the Lord Jesus. Your Committee close their report with the earnest hope that those evils which exist either among professing Christians or others, may excite suitable humiliation before God, and that Christians, and Christian ministers especially, will be found more engaged at the throne of grace, and will follow their prayers with corresponding practice.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. Ferdinand H. Van Derveer, D. D., died July 10th, 1881. The Rev. Wm. F. Betz died in Holland June 5th, 1881. The Rev. Wm. H. Clark was dismissed from the Broadway Church of Paterson, June 12th, and installed pastor of the Church of Nyack, June 30th, 1881. The pastoral relation between the Rev. B. T. Statesir and the Church of West New Hempstead was dissolved July 25th, 1881, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan. The Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale was received from the Classis of Rensselaer and installed pastor of the Broadway Church of Paterson, Nov. 3rd, 1881. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Samuel Streng and the Church of Clarkstown was dissolved January 23d, 1882, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GASTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches of the Classis of Passaic would submit the following report:

1. We have no large accessions to the Church to report. yet in all our churches there is evidence of the presence of God's Spirit, and souls have been saved.

2. During the year the regular ministration of the Gospel has been maintained in all our churches.

3. The total number now in the communion of the Churches of our Classis is two thousand one hundred and twenty-eight. Last year it was two thousand and thirty-six, showing a gain during the year of ninety-two.

4. The contributions for benevolent purposes during the year



exceed those of last year by four hundred and twenty-seven dollars, and the contributions for congregational purposes show an increase of one hundred and fifty-three dollars.

The following are abstracts of the reports of individual churches:

Boardville reports that they are not in a prosperous condition. They were left last May without a pastor. Rev. J. N. Jansen, of Pompton, has preached for them every alternate Sabbath since Dec., 1881. They have maintained a prayer meeting on Sunday evening during the year.

Boonton, under the ministration of their new pastor, reports an increased interest among the members in the welfare of the Church, and rejoices in the evidence of God's presence with them, manifested by the conversion of souls. In temporal matters the work is encouraging. A new parsonage is soon to be built and the Church building improved.

Fairfield reports that they have been visited during the winter with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit resulting in the conversion of ten souls. The prayer meeting is well-attended, and a good religious feeling prevails.

Franklin Furnace reports no special manifestation of the Spirit's work, yet feel that He has been with them. Regular services have been maintained during the year. The Sunday School is progressive. A Temperance Society has been organized and good results have followed. The Treasurer's report shows that more interest is taken in Church work now than for three years past.

Little Falls. This Church was for six months without a pastor. On January 10th, 1882, Rev. P. Furbeck was installed pastor. Since that time there has been a growing attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary. The prayer meeting is well attended, and on Friday evening of each week a meeting for the young people is held at the parsonage for the study of the Bible. This meeting has a large attendance and a spirit of seriousness is manifested by many of the young.

Montville reports that during the year the Sabbath services and weekly prayer meetings have been held. The people have shown their interest in the ordinances of religion by their attendance upon them, their liberal contributions for congregational purposes, and the advance made in benevolent contributions. During the present year the Sabbath School has been

better sustained, and the prayer meeting has shown a growing spirituality and earnestness.

Sixth Paterson (Holland) sends only her statistical report.

Pompton Plains reports progress. Souls have been gathered into the Church. The people are harmonious and awake, attending to the services of God's House and upon the four weekly prayer meetings. Five Sabbath Schools have been sustained during the year.

Pompton. While they cannot report as large a number received into the communion of the Church on confession as last year, yet they rejoice that the presence of God is still with them. An old man over eighty years of age has been received on confession. The attendance upon and the interest manifested in the prayer meeting shows that the influence of the revival of a year ago has not failed in its effect.

Ponds. This Church is in a prosperous condition. Spiritually its membership is alive and at work for God's glory and the salvation of souls. The services of the Sanctuary on the Sabbath, and two weekly prayer meetings are well attended.

Preakness reports that the year has been one of quiet, steady work, resulting in an increased attendance upon the Sanctuary services, and a deep interest manifested in the Word of Life. The contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes have increased.

First Totowa (Paterson) reports that they are in a healthy condition. There is a deep Spiritual life manifested by its membership. The attendance upon the Sanctuary is large and regular. The good seed is being sown, and they are looking for a large harvest.

Union Reformed (Holland) reports a very hopeful condition of affairs, forty-one having been received into the church on confession and certificate. The attendance upon the regular services has been very encouraging, and at present they have not sufficient room to accommodate the people, and are under the necessity of enlarging their church building.

Wyckoff reports that the Word has been preached during the year, and peace and harmony have prevailed. A prayer meeting has been maintained, and some interest has been awakened by it among those who have not publicly professed Christ as their Savior. Five of their membership have been removed by death.



Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Ecclesiastical changes have been as follows: The candidate, J. H. Owen, has been received from the Classis of Westchester, examined, ordained and installed pastor of the church at Fairfield. The candidate, J. Vaughn, has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick, examined, ordained and installed pastor of the church at Franklin Furnace. The candidate, O. H. Walser, has been received from the Classis of New York, examined, ordained and installed pastor of the church at Boonton. The pastoral relation between Rev. W. L. Moore and the church at Little Falls has been dissolved, and Brother Moore has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Rev. J. L. Danner has been received from the Presbytery of Westchester, and installed pastor of the First Reformed Church of Totowa (Paterson). Rev. P. Furbeck has been received from the Classis of Geneva, and installed pastor of the church at Little Falls. Rev. P. T. Pockman has been dismissed to the Classis of South Bergen. Rev. A. A. Zabriskie has been dismissed to the Classis of Ulster.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. KING, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would submit the following:

Statistical tables have been received from all the Churches in the Classis, and, with a few exceptions, accompanied with written reports. In one or two of the churches there are evidences of special blessing. With all the others there are evidences of uniform and steady work with only ordinary visible results.

The aggregate of accessions by confession of faith lacks two of the number in last year's report, while the aggregate benevolence is almost fifty per cent. in excess of last year.

The written reports of the churches indicate a longing for the harvest of souls which turns us to the condition, "Bring ye *all* the tithes," viz: of prayer, consecration, effort,—and to the promise, "Ye shall have power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Reports come to us of the flagging zeal on the part of the congregations in prayer, public and private. Therefore, in the

more faithful bringing in of this tithe, let us seek such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon pastors and congregations, as will give us greater *power* in the *winning* of souls.

The following brief statements culled from some of the reports may be of interest:

The Fourth Church of Philadelphia, Manayunk, sends a cheering report. Religious and benevolent work has been in progress, and, though without a pastor, eight have been received on confession. The Church has called a pastor and the prospect is bright.

The Church of Blawenburg mourns the loss by death of a number of its most devoted members; but reports its work as steady and progressive. The fiftieth anniversary of this Church will be celebrated this year. We pray that in this important period in its history, its strength shall be renewed by a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Church of Addisville reports "a healthful and hopeful growth," and an encouraging increase of interest in Sunday School work.

The Fifth Church of Philadelphia—laboring principally among the Germans—sends one of the best reports. Faithful and steady work has been done. The encouraging features are: a special earnest interest in communion by a large number of actual communicants; a large and increased attendance upon the preaching of the Word; and, with one exception, the largest number received on confession of faith.

The Church of Clover Hill is in a very flourishing condition. It reports active and effective Christian work resulting in six additions on confession of faith, "three of whomare heads of families and occupy prominent social positions in the community." "Labor, prayer and sacrifice" on the part of the people have resulted in the paying off of every debt upon the church, the remodelling of the house of worship, and the obtaining of a comfortablea nd pleasant parsonage.

The Church of North and South Hampton, with its new pastor, is starting upon a new career of usefulness. Besides the neighborhood prayer meetings, prayer meetings for women and young people have been organized. These, with increased missionary interest, and a good attendance upon the ministry of the Word, bid us look for a blessing upon this church.

The Third Church of Philadelphia, though in an unsettled

condition, and seeking a suitable place to build a house of worship, reports activity in all departments of church work.

The Church of Stanton, just now parting with its faithful pastor, has our sympathy. We trust that the harmony and activity reported for the past year may continue until another shepherd be found.

The Second Church of Philadelphia reports a work of grace during the year, very greatly increased benevolence, improvement of church property, and a generally prosperous outlook.

Ministerial Changes.

The following ministerial changes have taken place in the Classis: Rev. W. W. Cook, of the Church of Manayunk, has been dismissed to unite with the Methodist Conference in Iowa. Rev. B. C. Lippincott, of the Church of North and South Hampton, has been dismissed to the Classis of Ulster, and Rev. Samuel Streng has been received from the Classis of Paramus, and installed in his place. Rev. A. I. Martine, of the Stanton Church, has been dismissed to unite with the North Classis of Long Island.

We record with sorrow the death of Rev. John Gardner, for thirty-six and a half years the faithful pastor at Harlingen, N. J. The report from this Church shows faithful work on the part of his son, the present pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
NATHANIEL I. RUBINKAM, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The past year has been to the Classis of Raritan one of average prosperity. Faithful preaching and teaching of the Word of God, along with the exercise of ecclesiastical discipline, have been maintained; and the Holy Spirit has so accompanied these efforts with His demonstration and power, that we have occasion to bless God for the preservation of our previous spiritual heritage, with a small measure of increase.

1. Our statistical table, as far down as the item of Baptisms, is an improvement upon that of last year, in each particular of report, but not so indicative of progress as the expenditure of money, toil, prayer and anxious expectation would have warranted us in hoping for, *e. g.*, the loss of members by dismission alone exceeds by about twenty per cent. the number added by

certificate; of those received on confession, more than half are reported from the 1st, 2d and 3d churches of Raritan; the Readington, Bedminster and South Branch churches report a trifle less than one fourth of the whole number, and these six churches have received about seventy-eight per cent. of the whole number who have confessed Christ in connection with this Classis during the past year.

Again, the whole number received by confession, if averaged among all the churches of the Classis, gives us about one convert in every tenth family in our bounds—a proportion so small as to be terribly alarming in view of the fact that on an average there is in every house more than one dead in trespasses and sins.

The churches may have realized unwonted results in the culture and development of the saints; but, if we speak of the conversion of sinners, the past year has been to us, as a Classis, far from satisfactory, notwithstanding the unwonted revival of a few of our churches, for which all offer congratulations to them, and thanks to the God of all grace.

2. The report of Baptisms calls for remark. The number of infants baptized (94) seems very small compared with the number of our families, (1810.) This alone, however, would not warrant the inference that infant baptism is neglected by our people. But there are two other facts to be noted, viz: 1. The very large number of adults baptized (50), and 2, The wide variation between some of our churches in their reports; thus, one church of 200 families has baptized 14 infants and another of over 200 families has baptised only 8 infants, and still another of 200 families but 7, and one Church of over 80 families has baptized one infant.

3. Catechumens. This item originally embraced those who were catechised personally, by households, in neighborhood classes, in connection with Schools and in the Church *by the pastor;* this was prior to the development of our Sabbath School system, and the catechisms of the Church were used. Catechising by the pastor is impracticable in these days, except in the Sabbath School; it is doubtful whether it is done there as a rule; and, when done, it is of necessity in a manner so general as to prevent an exact report of recitations.

Just what ought to be reported, under these circumstances, has long been an open question with many. Some report noth-

ing. Some report those who recite catechism to the teachers in Sabbath School. Some, on the general ground that catechising is instructing by question and answer, might report, (as in one instance was actually proposed,) all the Sabbath School scholars as catechumens, although the recitations were confined to the International Sunday School Lessons, or other Bible questions, whether original with the teachers or otherwise. Only 6 of our churches report under this head.

4. Sabbath Schools. We report twenty-two. as against the twenty-eight of last year. Your committee does not suppose, however, that there has been any loss of Schools; and we now put upon record a larger total of Sabbath School Scholars than appeared last year. The fact is that, aside from schools belonging strictly and exclusively to churches, there are schools upon the borders of congregations in which two or more churches, (and they, perhaps, of different denominations,) have part interests. These are "Union Schools," and independent of a formal, or organic church connection. They are likely either to be reported by more than one church, or (which is the more likely,) not at all, as no one church can properly report them as its own. In this way, probably, is to be explained our apparent decrease in number of Sabbath Schools.

5. Religious and Benevolent Contributions. These foot up a little less than those of the preceding year; but really they are an advance. In the report of April, 1881, was included the amount of special collection to pay the indebtedness of our Board of Foreign Missions; making allowance for this fact, we are justified in claiming that the cause of Benevolence has materially advanced during the year which has just closed.

6. Contributions for Congregational Purposes. Upon reviewing the reports of several years past, we find that these contributions do not vary much from year to year, except as affected by the efforts of sundry churches to liquidate debts, as was notably the case last year, when the church of Easton paid a debt of about $16,000. This year the church of High Bridge has freed itself from a debt of over $5,000; the church of Readington has raised and paid arrearages amounting to $1,300; the Third Raritan Church has been at extra expense for improvements to parsonage property; and other churches have diminished their indebtedness or met extra expenses. To-day we report raised during the last year for congregational pur-

poses, $27,911.73. We may deduct for extras, $7,000; leaving a balance of $20,911.73 for current expenses. The average amount for the five previous years, (1876-81,) was about $22,-000. Our present report, therefore, falls below this average, which may be explained in part by the failure of crops by the extreme drought of last season. But as an offset to this, it is well known that many of the pastors of these churches have for several years been settling with consistories, at a discount of about 20 per cent. from their salaries. It is questionable whether this expedient has really helped any church and whether it is just to the pastors, whose salaries, at the stipulated figures, were not in excess of the expenses of a decent and comfortable style of living. It is to be hoped that the Lord will send now prosperity, in both temporal things and spiritual, giving His people both ability and disposition to make liberal provision for His house and for those who minister at His altar.

7. The following changes have occurred among the ministers of this Classis during the past year: Rev. George H. Cleveland has been dismissed from the pastorate of the Church of Annandale. Rev. William H. Williamson has been received as a licentiate from the Classis of New Brunswick, ordained and installed pastor of Annandale. Rev. B. T. Statesir has been received from the Classis of Paramus. Rev. Gilbert Lane has been received from the Classis of Montgomery.

8. Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Classis devoutly thanks God for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon several of our churches during the past year and earnestly prays that He will speedily bestow fuller and richer blessings of salvation upon all our churches.

Resolved, That the Pastors and Consistories of this Classis be, and are hereby requested to urge upon the people under their charge the matter of infant-baptism—and especially in case of children whose parents are members of the church in full communion.

Resolved, That hereafter there be reported to Classis, as Catechumens, only those who recite to pastors, or to Sabbath Schools teachers, the catechisms approved by the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America. And further, in view of the importance of the thorough indoctrination of our members, not only in the letter of God's Word, but also in that Word as set forth in the formularies of our Church, that this Classis does emphatically appeal to pastors, consistories, super-

intendents and teachers of our Sabbath Schools, and to all parents, to maintain the catechising of our children and youth.

Resolved, That each church report only the number of Sabbath Schools belonging to it properly; but, at the same time, endeavor to report all the children of the congregation who receive Sabbath School instruction, whether in the church schools or elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood	A. B. Taylor	33	....	....	4	....	....	32	....	....	.....	.....	1	65	$85 00	$800 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	Theo. B. Romeyn	.....	10	15	5	....	5	271	14	....	.....	200	1	200	1,625 00	3,500 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburg	George Seibert.	90	5	5	....	....	1	129	5	1	.....	100	2	180	390 50	1,650 61	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
New Durham	Vacant*	78	2	2	....	....	2	190	10	....	.....	200	3	375	300 00	1,850 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Park Ref. Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	170	4	11	22	....	4	281	10	1	.....	200	1	411	962 34	6,568 81	Jersey City, N. J.
First Hoboken	Isaac E. House	38	6	5	1	1	3	68	7	1	.....	22	1	165	10 60	1,900 00	Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen	John Justin	56	7	2	....	....	2	76	8	....	....	40	1	260	69 00	1,110 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second Hackensack	Cyrus B. Durand	100	2	3	2	....	3	167	4	....	.....	13	1	115	132 00	3,027 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Third Hackensack	Louis Goubel	64	2	2	....	....	15	99	19	....	.....	11	1	120	10 00	600 00	Hackensack, N. J.
German, Hoboken	Leopold Mohn	.....	68	....	....	....	5	570	195	....	.....	85	1	700	116 97	2,984 00	Hoboken, N. J.
Closter City	P.V.Van Buskirk, (s. c.).	80	1	....	2	....	1	110	9	....	.....	90	1	135	.....	1,300 00	Closter, N. J.
Palisades	F. M. Bogardus	65	2	....	....	....	....	65	4	....	.....	50	2	100	75 00	750 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenburg	Alex. Shaw, S. S.	40	2	....	3	....	....	35	9	....	.....	80	1	123	.....	.....	Guttenberg, N. J.
Central Ave., J. C. H	Wm. C. Handy	135	1	1	3	....	1	129	....	....	.....	.....	1	200	....	.. ..	Jersey City, N. J.
Fort Lee		.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	
Cherry Hill	*James E. Graham... ..	36	....	2	3	....	1	42	3	....	.. ..	.....	1	78	21 00	1,311 00	Cherry Hill, N. J.
	Total....	985	112	48	45	1	43	2257	297	3	.....	1092	19	3237	$3,797 41	$27,351 42	

Other Ministers.—Alexander H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J., W. R. Gordon, Manhasset, L. I., Charles Parker, 202 South Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Jas. H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

* Last year's report.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen.	Cornelius Brett	210	13	12	6	...	7	291	11	1	220	200	2	400	$1,587 60	$9,162 61	509 Bergen Ave. Jersey City
First Jersey City	Wm. Westerfield, S. S.	100	4	5	...	1	1	162	4	1	35	35	1	147	192 39	2,633 81	116 Mercer St. Jersey City.
First Bayonne	Wm. W. Knox	76	4	3	3	..	2	197	1	1	.....	150	1	250	111 42	7,945 79	Bayonne, N. J.
Sec'd Jersey City [First Van Vorst]	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	4	2	9	...	3	223	8	....	90	110	1	153	1,939 54	4,193 97	288 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	Henry W. F. Jones	135	9	6	2	...	1	201	7	3	90	120	1	180	1,371 50	7,500 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second Hudson City.	C. Doeppenschmidt, P. E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Cambridge Ave., Jersey City
	Carl Girtanner	70	36	....	6	...	9	200	90	....	80	22	1	420	159 53	1,971 76	944 Summit Ave. " "
Lafayette	Wm. R. Duryee, (s. c.)	90	6	6	20	1	1	184	6	....	125	120	1	200	895 00	6,160 00	233 Pacific Ave. " "
Greenville	P. T. Pockman	60	2	7	4	...	...	113	2	1	50	.....	1	215	226 35	1,308 00	Greenville, " "
Free Jersey City	Henry Mattice	100	1	1	2	...	1	127	14	....	116	150	1	235	23 41	829 00	251 Fourth St., " "
Third Bayonne	Carl F. A. Klein, S. S.	31	1	....	...	...	...	62	5	....	70	.....	1	50	201 09	547 75	Bergen Point, N. J.
South Bergen	Henry M. Cox	63	2	4	4	1	1	92	4	....	105	95	1	155	175 63	1,732 06	43 Crescent Ave., Jersey City.
	Total	1055	82	46	56	3	26	1852	152	7	981	1002	12	2405	$6,883 46	$43,984 75	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Prof. in Theological School, Tokio, Japan. Rev. Alex. H. Young, Greenville, N. J. *In transitu*, Rev. Wm. L. Elterich, Alleghany City, Penn., pastor German Evangelical Church.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Freehold	Theo. W. Wells, (s. c.).	100	3	4	8	...	8	201	4	...	108	80	2	155	$213 32	$3,008 31	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N.J.
Holmdel	William Reiley.	90	5	2	5	...	3	184	8	4	100	. . .	1	100	316 21	1,020 00	Holmdel, " "
Spottswood	Stephen J. Harmeling.	40	2	5	2	...	1	67	1	....	30	60	3	120	168 00	866 08	Spottswood, Middlesex " "
Middletown	Charles D. Buck.	43	1	1	1	...	4	80	1	1	25	.....	1	50	146 57	1,494 53	Middletown, Monmouth " "
Second Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw.	103	12	17	4	...	1	214	11	5	83	75	1	150	*2,576 85	3,236 95	Freehold, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead.	56	....	1	2	...	5	96	1	....	30	10	1	125	132 30	747 10	Keyport, " " "
First Long Branch	Charles J. Young.	112	5	4	2	1	4	212	10	5	105	50	2	275	154 60	1,455 00	Long Branch, " " "
Colt's Neck	H. A. Hendrickson.	120	22	3	8	...	4	245	4	7	108	76	2	165	139 70	1,319 49	Colt's Neck, " " "
Highlands	Abraham W. Allen.	42	2	....	...	...	...	32	7	1	18	.....	1	86	6 00	146 00	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	Wm. N. Ballagh.	50	10	9	2	...	2	64	17	2	33	40	1	92	54 32	419 70	Asbury Park, " " "
Second Long Branch	Wm. H. Phraner†	30	1	1	4	1	1	61	2	1	19	.....	1	70	10 00	1,165 59	East Long Branch, " "
	Total	786	63	47	38	2	33	1456	66	26	654	391	16	1388	$3,917 87	$14,878 75	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schenck, Marlboro', N. J., Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Sup't. Public Instruction, Freehold, N. J., Rev. Ransford Wells, Marlboro', N. J.

*$2,000 Legacies from Ellen A. Hasbrook, deceased. † Stated supply.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	Vacant	107	1	10	5	...	5	135	9	...	104	110	1	157	$ 672 86	$2,062 36	
First of Newark	William H. Gleason	160	8	28	6	...	3	307	13	4	.....	250	2	520	1,688 07	6,487 04	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Irvington	Henry Vehslage (s. c.)	140	4	2	2	...	2	160	...	....	44	60	1	180	.....	1,750 00	Irvington " " "
Second of Newark	Francis V. VanVranken	90	2	4	9	...	...	160	4	1	50	100	1	200	259 30	2,466 32	Newark " " "
Franklin	A. Messler Quick	66	2	2	...	...	5	103	3	....	.....	110	1	110	78 00	1,000 00	179 St. Mark's Pl. Brooklyn.
North of Newark	David Waters	220	19	13	8	...	4	*436	5	4	200	756	2	756	10,751 01	6,997 97	Newark, Essex Co. N. J.
West Newark	Frederick Kern	90	13	....	2	...	9	163	48	1	.....	51	2	350	49 50	2,410 44	" " " "
Clinton Avenue	William J. R. Taylor	176	7	20	10	...	2	*317	13	1	160	256	2	800	1,351 17	6,482 17	" " " "
East of Newark	Vacant	40	5	....	2	...	...	51	4	....	.....	30	1	150	16 50	703 23	
Linden	Oscar Gesner, S. S.	35	3	2	2	...	...	49	3	3	.....	20	1	100	78 72	3,544 68	Linden, Union Co., N. J.
Woodside	Wm. H. Brodhead, S.S.	47	8	27	5	...	1	84	...	....	.....	.....	1	157	347 00	.....	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Stone House Plains	Jacob O. Van Fleet	*60	9	1	6	...	2	*112	10	2	.....	.....	1	90	18 00	923 57	Brookdale " " "
Orange	George S. Bishop	165	10	21	10	2	3	328	18	3	.....	175	1	224	2,099 93	†1,681 75	East Orange, Essex Co., N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield	Andrew V. V. Raymond	109	14	45	7	1	3	176	9	5	.....	105	1	240	829 32	7,414 71	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
	Total	1505	105	175	74	3	39	2581	139	24	558	2023	18	4034	$18,239 38	$43,924 24	

*Revised list. †Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J. Louis H. Bahler, Flemington, N. J. Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J. John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J. Henry M. Voorhees, White House, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First New Brunswick....	Thos. C. Easton.....	203	35	28	14	...	20	533	11	5	300	150	1	428	$1,912 95	$11,243 77	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run.....	Wm. R. Taylor..	145	25	10	6	...	9	310	5	9	150	50	6	300	1,200 00	1,800 00	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough.....	Ed. T. Corwin, (s. c.)...	159	2	13	7	...	7	276	8	....	200	100	7	200	200 00	1,200 00	Millstone, "
Middlebush	James Le Fevre.....	95	3	5	12	...	6	180	2	3	120	110	1	150	400 98	1,500 00	Middlebush. "
Griggstown.....	Vacant	50	1	3	4	...	3	140	5	1	60	50	2	125	162 88	896 44	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick.	Mancius H. Hutton....	187	16	17	13	...	5	393	12	3	144	192	2	267	2,314 98	7,607 41	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook.....	Vacant	*74	1	4	3	...	5	104	3	....	27	149	1	149	89 84	1,114 91	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick..	Chas. Meyer, S. S.....	*10	1	....	5	...	1	35	2	...	30	10	1	30	45 00	320 00	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone.....	Alex. McWilliam.....	75	1	11	10	...	2	150	4	1	30	30	1	70	152 89	1,080 00	East Millstone, "
Metuchen.....	Jas. Cruikshanks.....	70	12	1	13	...	...	144	....	3	.....	.....	2	190	22 25	2,122 67	Metuchen, "
	Total....	1068	97	92	87	...	58	2265	52	25	1061	841	24	1909	$6,601 72	$28,834 50	

Other Ministers.—Wm. H. Campbell, Pres. Rutgers College; Jacob Cooper, T. Sandford Doolittle, Prof's. in Rutgers College; Peter J. Quick, Librarian of Sage Library; addresses of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; John L. See, Sec. Board Education, 34 Vesey st., New York City; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.; David M. Talmage, Missionary, now in America, 34 Vesey st., N. Y. City; Eugene S. Booth, Nagasaki, Japan; Islay Walden' Lancaster Mills, N. C.; John H. Bergen, Elizabeth, N. J.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Canada.

Licentiates.—De Witt T. Reiley, Prof. in Rutgers College, and Alex. G. Van Aken, both of New Brunswick, N. J.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	160	11	7	8	...	5	855	10	2	300	175	1	285	$1,595 69	$4,031 65	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	Nat. H. Van Arsdale	100	10	4	7	...	...	182	6	2	143	150	1	150	280 24	3,284 16	Paterson, N. J.
Clarkstown	Vacant	86	9	3	12	2	5	123	1	2	116	10	1	90	407 17	1,389 00	Mont Moor, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	90	3	9	4	...	3	153	22	...	178	42	1	77	94 25	894 90	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	52	4	....	2	...	1	52	10	...	195	.....	1	37	7 86	310 37	Lodi, N. J.
Holland, Passaic	Vacant	122	11	31	...	...	1	132	24	...	344	.....	1	180	54 27	1,098 75	Passaic, N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke	Vacant	83	43	25	...	3	1	167	19	...	246	79	3	103	88 10	2,635 94	Hohokus, N. J.
Second Lodi	Robert M. Offord	35	2	2	1	...	...	70	4	2	105	30	1	64	50 00	2,400 00	Lodi, N. J.
North Passaic	Asher Anderson	75	2	9	16	...	3	136	14	...	93	120	1	243	422 38	2,122 31	Passaic, N. J.
Nyack	Wm. H. Clark, (s. c.)	163	44	42	7	...	5	334	15	15	*150	220	1	301	884 16	4,531 77	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	John C. VanDeventer	109	8	4	5	...	6	192	6	1	120	100	1	100	367 06	2,224 00	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	80	10	1	5	...	1	127	2	2	100	100	1	100	42 82	1,599 18	Park Ridge, N. J.
Piermont	William C. Stitt	50	2	6	2	...	1	105	2	...	35	100	1	100	287 00	2,172 00	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letsont	36	2	2	1	...	1	42	2	1	.....	.....	1	50	....	300 00	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys	William W. Letsont	20	2	2	1	...	...	33	4	1	.....	.....	1	50	....	150 00	Ramseys, N. J.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	48	13	3	...	...	1	79	4	3	43	25	1	102	49 00	1,381 00	Ridgewood, N. J.
Saddle River	William E. Bogardus	*55	2	3	3	...	2	*94	2	...	75	.....	1	50	43 25	2,223 88	Monsey, N. Y.
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea	130	8	1	8	...	10	220	8	...	140	115	1	240	313 53	2,200 00	Paterson, N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Crispell	90	1	3	2	...	4	109	3	...	35	40	1	128	81 02	1,443 01	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	George M. S. Blauvelt	100	3	5	5	...	6	145	8	...	200	100	4	200	200 00	1,300 00	Tappantown, "
Warwick	Vernon B. Carroll	100	2	1	3	...	9	142	3	1	60	50	1	60	572 39	2,150 00	Warwick "
West New Hempstead	Vacant	37	....	2	...	...	2	71	....	...	20	.....	1	60	52 96	420 25	Monsey, "
	Total	1821	192	165	93	5	67	3063	169	32	2698	1456	27	2770	$5,894 15	$40,262 17	

Other Ministers.—Wm. Hazenberg; in Africa.

*Revised List. †Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boardville	Vacant	14	...	...	2	...	...	13	...	...	*	...	1	40	$ 4 24	$ 38 32	Midvale, Passaic Co. N. J.
Boonton	Oliver H. Walser	59	12	11	7	...	...	98	1	5	.....	30	1	115	150 00	693 00	Boonton, Morris " "
Fairfield	James H. Owens	80	7	1	4	...	...	175	3	4	.....	105	2	160	91 00	1,102 36	Fairfield, Essex " "
Franklin Furnace	Jonah Vaughn	65	3	3	...	...	...	21	2	1	.....	30	1	140	34 00	750 00	Franklin Furnance, Sussex Co.
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	60	1	3	...	...	2	119	4	1	.....	.....	1	90	43 50	1,021 00	Little Falls, Passaic Co. N. J.
Montville	James Kemlo	90	2	1	4	..	4	130	5	1	.....	.....	1	93	187 36	1,190 45	Boonton, Morris " "
Sixth Paterson, Holland	H. R. Koopman	287	9	31	...	2	13	358	64	...	.....	133	1	285	51 00	2,360 40	Paterson, Passaic " "
Pompton Plains	J. Henry Whitehead	130	5	7	4	...	3	293	5	1	.....	.....	5	275	528 11	2,242 84	Pompton Plains, Morris Co. "
Pompton	John N. Jansen, (s. c.)	60	1	7	5	...	3	156	...	1	45	25	2	150	206 29	821 25	Pompton, Passaic Co. "
Ponds	Albert A. King	65	10	1	1	...	2	68	14	1	.....	.....	2	90	51 68	1,458 37	Oakland, Bergen " "
Preakness	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	58	5	7	1	...	3	102	4	1	50	.....	2	110	127 48	914 13	Paterson, Passaic " "
First Totowa	Julius S. Danner,	133	5	9	3	2	5	225	3	....	.....	160	1	260	245 15	2,092 75	" " " "
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	160	19	22	4	...	2	251	36	....	502	110	1	210	125 75	1,741 70	" " " "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle	90	9	2	5	...	5	120	12	1	150	25	1	80	136 28	1,114 36	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
	Total	1351	88	105	40	4	42	2128	153	17	747	618	22	2098	$1,981 84	$17,540 93	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, County Supt. of Schools, Little Falls, N. J. Rev. A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J. Rev. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Ave., Newark, N. J. Rev. James E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Harlingen	John S. Gardner	150	3	8	10	...	2	301	10	....	....	40	3	200	$252 76	$1,940 04	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	166	6	4	5	...	4	270	18	4	.....	50	2	235	454 83	1,618 20	Neshanic, N. J.
First Philadelphia	Thomas X. Orr	100	5	2	17	...	4	250	2	2	.....	.....	2	300	1,050 36	4,494 87	517 Brown st., Philadelphia.
Blawenburg	Wm. B. Voorhees	107	4	..	3	...	5	251	2	2	.....	20	...	150	400 00	1,515 00	Blawenburg, N. J.
Addisville	Isaac Collier	85	3	1	...	...	1	167	3	3	.....	50	4	175	138 68	1,216 02	Richboro, Pa.
Rocky Hill	Sidney O. Lawsing	66	3	2	7	...	3	147	2	2	.....	71	1	100	156 92	949 94	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	155	10	....	...	...	5	214	43	...	...	46	1	300	244 00	1,934 42	1,538 Otis st., Philadelphia.
Clover Hill	M. N. Oliver	75	6	2	5	...	2	189	1	5	.....	.....	1	75	124 50	2,028 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Three Bridges	Edward Birdsall	60	4	5	3	...	1	87	3	1	.....	.....	1	139	7 00	640 89	Three Bridges, N. J.
Second Philadelphia	Nathaniel I. Rubinkam.	200	19	10	12	1	12	*485	11	6	.....	.....	2	650	2,691 84	7,325 00	929 Franklin st., Philadelphia.
Stanton	Vacant	78	8	3	5	..	4	*152	2	7	.....	.....	1	90	86 00	1,192 85	Stanton, N. J.
N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	120	3	5	9	2	1	251	3	1	.....	... .	2	150	246 35	1,490 00	Churchville, Pa.
Third Philadelphia	Abm. R. Van Nest	60	6	3	6	...	1	87	4	.....	... .	60	2	160	498 12	1,518 43	1,634 Walnut st., Philadelphia.
Fourth Philadelphia	Vacant	102	8	2	1	...	3	242	9	2	.....	100	1	376	277 00	1,499 87	Manayunk, Pa.
	Total	1524	88	48	83	3	48	3093	113	35	.....	437	23	3100	$6,628 36	$29,363 53	

Other Ministers—Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D. D., Amoy, China; Rev. G. E. Gramm, 1,656 Vienna st., Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.														
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Raritan	J. Preston Searle	200	41	25	...	...	8	467	14	13	....	70	1	250	$981 29	$2,319 95	Somerville, Somerset Co. N. J.
Readington	John H. Smock	200	12	14	11	...	3	392	11	3	....	.....	4	400	489 51	2,768 90	Readington, Hunterdon Co. "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	104	16	6	5	...	4	238	7	5	60	.....	2	190	638 39	1,457 21	Bedminster, Somerset " "
Lebanon	Sanford W. Roe	202	2	3	1	...	3	336	8	....	137	.....	3	225	87 16	1,300 00	Lebanon, Hunterdon " "
Rockaway	William Bailey	95	5	2	9	1	5	212	2	2	75	30	4	200	127 20	1,080 00	White House " " "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	129	4	8	24	...	8	202	6	1	.....	.....	1	100	280 72	1,241 01	North Branch, Somerset " "
Second Raritan	Vacant	200	29	15	30	1	...	499	7	11	120	100	1	275	538 10	2,730 48	Somerville " " "
Peapack	Charles T. Anderson	120	8	2	1	...	3	205	7	....	.....	.....	1	125	100 00	1,298 41	Peapack " " "
Branchville	William E. Davis	123	18	13	9	...	1	278	4	9	148	.....	1	150	295 10	1,485 72	South Branch " " "
Third Raritan	Charles H. Pool	110	26	5	16	...	5	297	7	5	127	235	1	258	728 28	2,019 39	Raritan " " "
Easton	Vacant	70	6	....	8	1	1	135	6	....	.....	. ....	...	40	298 33	2,460 30	Easton, Northampton " Pa.
Plainfield, (German)	Frederick E. Schleider	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Plainfield, Union Co. N. J.
Pottersville	William H. Hoffman	80	1	....	4	1	1	100	2	....	.....	40	1	127	37 00	600 00	Pottersville, Hun'd'n Co. "
High Bridge	Artemas Dean	71	1	1	...	...	1	99	7	....	.....	80	1	125	148 52	5,250 00	High Bridge " " "
Clinton Station	Wm. H. Williamson	82	5	6	1	...	3	135	1	1	.....	.....	1	100	6 25	1,699 02	Annandale " " "
Fourth Raritan, (Ger.)	Frederick E. Schleider	24	5	2	1	....	....	30	5	....	.....	.....	...	....	.....	201 34	Plainfield, Union " "
	Total	1810	179	102	120	4	46	3625	94	50	667	555	22	2565	$4,730 85	$27,911 73	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreusaler, Plainfield, Union Co., N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J. Rev. George H. Cleveland, 118 First Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. J. F. Mesick, Blawenburgh, N. J. Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J. Rev. C. H. Edgar, Easton, Pa.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED. Infants.	BAPTIZED. Adults.	BAPTIZED. Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious & Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	16	18	..	985	112	48	45	1	43	2257	297	3	.....	1092	19	3237	$3,797 41	$27,351 42	Peter V. Van Buskirk.
South Classis of Bergen	11	15	..	1055	82	46	56	3	26	1852	152	7	981	1009	12	2405	6,883 46	43,984 75	Wm. R. Duryee
Classis of Monmouth	11	14	..	786	63	47	38	2	33	1456	66	26	654	391	16	1388	3,917 87	14,878 75	Theodore W. Wells.
Classis of Newark	14	17	..	1505	105	175	74	3	39	2581	139	24	558	2023	18	4034	18,239 38	42,924 24	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	20	3	1068	97	92	87	....	58	2265	52	25	1061	847	24	1909	6,601 72	28,834 50	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	22	18	..	1821	192	165	93	5	67	3063	169	32	2698	1456	27	2770	5,894 15	40,262 17	Wm. H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic	14	17	..	1351	88	105	40	4	42	2128	153	17	747	618	22	2098	1,981 84	17,540 93	John N. Jansen.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	15	..	1524	88	48	83	3	48	3093	113	35	.....	437	23	3100	6 628 36	29,363 53	Wm. B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	16	23	..	1810	179	102	120	4	46	3625	94	50	667	555	22	2565	4,730 85	27,911 73	John F. Mesick.
Total	128	156	3	11905	1006	828	636	25	402	22320	1235	219	7366	8415	183	23506	$58,675 04	$274,052 02	

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully submit the following report: They have examined the books of minutes of the Classes of Bergen, South Bergen, New Brunswick, Newark, Paramus, Passaic, Raritan and Monmouth. The minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia are not presented. We would call the attention of the following Classes, viz, Bergen, Monmouth, Passaic and Raritan, to the resolution passed at the last meeting of Particular Synod, page 46, in regard to recording dates of ministerial changes, etc. We would also call the attention of the Particular Synod to the following fact: We find on page 224 of the minutes of the Classis of Passaic that a candidate was received without a letter of dismission, upon his signing the formula, and examined. He was to present his certificate at his ordination but there is no record of the same until October 4, 1881, (see page 239,) he having been ordained and recognized as a pastor from June 15, 1881. Another case is found on page 234. This brother is now recognized as a regular pastor, but the reception of his letter is not recorded. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Classis of Passaic be called to this irregularity in their proceedings.

The second and third Constitutional questions were answered as follows:

		YES.	NO.		YES.	NO.
Bergen.....	2nd. Quest.	9	6	3rd. Quest.	13	2
South Bergen..	"	11	–	"	11	–
Monmouth.....	"	6	3	"	9	1
Newark.....	"	6	6	"	8	4
New Brunswick.	"	5	3	"	7	1
Paramus.....	"	13	7	"	12	9
Passaic.....	"	9	5	"	10	4
Raritan..... .	"	11	5	"	14	2

N. B.—All answers that were "in part" were considered as negatives.

WILLIAM H. BALLAGH, *Chairman.*

The following action was taken in connection with the above report:



Resolved, That the attention of the Classes be called to the provision of the Constitution (page 29,) which declares the right of a pastor, in giving a negative answer to question 3rd, to append an explanation of his reasons for failure.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Synod, the record of answers to constitutional questions should be an exact transcript of the Classical records.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

No report was received from the Committee on Church Visitation.

The following Committee on Church Visitation was reported from the Committee on Nominations, and appointed by the Synod for the ensuing year: Revs. Henry M. Cox, John Gaston, James LeFevre, Wm. H. Ballagh, F. V. Van Vranken, Geo. Seibert. *Elders*: Francis R. Baker, Garret Van Nostrand, Thos. M. Gopsill.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

No report came from the Committee on Church Extension. The Nominating Committee reported the following Committee on Church Extension for the coming year, which was adopted: Revs. Wm. J. R. Taylor, Wm. H. Clark, Alex. McWilliam, J. Howard Suydam, Oscar Gesner, J. C. Van Deventer. *Elders*: D. S. Jones, W. E. Conover, Nelson Jacobus.

ARTICLE XVIII.

EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor's Report was received, read, and referred to the Committee on the Questorate, and is as follows:

JOHNSON LETSON, *Questor*, in account with
PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

1881.	DR.	
May 2,	To Balance	$26 77
" " "	Cash received from Rev. A. B. Taylor, Questor of Classis of Bergen for 1880–81	28 00
" 6,	To Cash received from Rev. A. H. Young, Questor of South Classis of Bergen, 1880-81	25 00
Sept. 30,	To Cash received from Rev. William H. Clark, Questor of Classis of Paramus, 1881-82	40 00
Oct. 6.	To Cash received from Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, Questor of Classis of Passaic, for 1880-81	31 00
Nov. 25,	To Cash received from Rev. William Bailey, Questor of Classis of Raritan, for 1881-82	36 00
1882.		
Jan. 28,	To Cash received from Rev. Abram Martine, Questor of Classis of Philadelphia, 1881-82	36 00
March 14,	To Cash received from Rev. Alex. H. Young, Questor of Classis of South Bergen, 1881-82	25 00
April 8,	To Cash received from Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, Questor of Classis of Passaic, 1881-82	30 00
April 13,	To Cash received from Rev. A. McWilliam, Questor of Classis of New Brunswick, 1881-82	22 00
April 20,	To Cash received from Rev. Henry Vehslage, Questor of Classis of Newark, 1881-82	26 00
April 22,	To Cash received from R. H. Hendrickson, Questor of the Classis of Monmouth, 1881-82	16 00
April 24,	To Cash received from Rev. A. B. Taylor, Questor of the Classis of Bergen, 1881-82	26 00
		$367 7

CR.

Nov. 84,	By Cash paid bill of Hosford & Sons.	$107 98	
" 17,	" " " Rev. Charles H. Pool, Stated Clerk.....	57 30	
			$165 28
Balance.....			$202 49

The resignation of the Questor was received with the above report, and referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

The Committee on the Questorate reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee would report that they have duly examined the accounts of the Questor, with vouchers, and found them correct. At the beginning of the year there was on hand $26.-77. The following amount has been collected from the various Classes: $367 77. For printing and expenses of Stated Clerk, there have been paid $165 28. The balance on hand, $202 49. It is recommended that the Classes be assessed as usual for the ensuing year. The Committee have been called upon to receive and consider the resignation of our Questor, Johnson Letson, Esq., who, from the formation of this Particular Synod, of New Brunswick, has discharged the duties of the Questorate in a most faithful and efficient manner. It is with the deepest regret that the Committee feel called upon to present the resignation of Mr. Letson to this Synod, but cannot do this without heartily recommending for your adoption the following:

Resolved, That the Synod in accepting, though with much regret, the resignation of Mr. Letson, express its deep sense of gratitude for the prompt, faithful and efficient manner in which all the duties of the office have been discharged by him.

Your Committee would consequently report the fact of this vacancy to the Committee on Nominations.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC COLLIER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations reported the name of Garret Van Nostrand to succeed Johnson Letson as Questor of the Synod. The nomination was confirmed.

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 3 P. M, and 7 1-2 P. M., as

the hours of assembling, and 12 M., and 5 1-2 P. M. as the hours of adjournment.

According to the Rules of Order, the first hour after the opening of the Synod, and the first half hour of the session of Wednesday was given to devotional exercises.

The presence of Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D. D., Missionary to China, was recognized, and Dr. Talmage was invited to address the Synod, which he did at 9 1-2 o'clock Wednesday morning, referring pleasantly to his ordination to the Mission work in this Church thirty-five years ago, bearing the salutations of the Church in China to the Church at home, and giving much interesting information and making a stirring appeal, calculated to stimulate the Church to Missionary effort.

Rev. John Forsyth, D. D. appeared as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, and followed Dr. Talmage with a statement of encouragements as seen in the number of conversions in the native churches of our missions during the past year, and in the fact that the Board had just closed the year without debt, and a balance in the treasury.

The following action was taken with regard to the addresses of Drs. Talmage and Forsyth:

WHEREAS, The Synod has heard with great pleasure the stirring appeal of Dr. J. V. N. Talmage, of Amoy, and the encouraging statements of Dr. John Forsyth, the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions,

Resolved, That the Synod congratulate, the Board upon its success during the past year, and urges upon the churches within its bounds the importance not only of maintaining the work, but the gradual strengthening of our various missionary forces, which can be done only by a liberal increase of contributions from churches, Sabbath Schools and individuals.

Rev. A. E. Ballard appeared as delegate from the New Jersey and Newark Conferences of the M. E. Church, and as the agent of the N. J. Temperance Alliance, and, by invitation, addressed the Synod, asking for the appointment of a Committee by this Synod to represent the Reformed Church in New Jersey, and co-operate with other Christian denominations in the State in the Temperance work: also that this Synod would send a delegate to the next annual meeting of the New Jersey and Newark Conferences. The statement and request of Mr. Ballard were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures presented a majority and minori-

ty report on the subject of Temperance as referred to them The minority report was adopted and is as follows:

WHEREAS, We have, as a Synod, heard the request of Rev. A. E. Ballard, as representing and bearing to us the fraternal greetings of the New Jersey and Newark Conferences of the M. E. Church, for the appointment of a committee from this body to co-operate with other ecclesiastical bodies in this State to secure appropriate State legislation for the proper regulation, if not the suppression, of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with similar committees of other ecclesiastical bodies in this State upon that subject.

Resolved, That said Committee report their action at the next meeting of this Synod.

Rev. Chas. H. Pool, Rev. Cornelius Brett and Elder Peter A. Voorhees were appointed a Committee on Temperance as called for by the above action.

WHEREAS, This Synod has heard with great pleasure the statements made by Elder Wm. H. Kirk in regard to the work of the Board of Domestic Missions; also the gratifying fact that the Board is out of debt;

Resolved, That we earnestly commend the interests of this Board to a larger liberality for advancing this work.

Resolved, That this Particular Synod request the Board of Domestic Missions to appoint a delegate, in conformity with the example of the Board of Foreign Missions, to represent the interests of the Board, and lay before the Synod in the future detailed statements of the work and its needs.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following arrangement for the administration of the Lord's Supper: The President of Synod to preside and read the Form, Rev. Wm. H. Ballagh to distribute the bread, and Rev. J. Preston Searle to give the cup, assisted by Elders Wm. H. Kirk, Peter A. Voorhees and Francis R. Baker.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated Wednesday afternoon, in accordance with the above arrangement.

The Rev. Isaac Collier, by appointment of the last Synod, delivered the address on Wednesday evening, on the following topic: "What is the duty of the Christian Ministry in relation to the Philosophical and Scientific questions of the day, in following the example of Christ?"

The subject reported from the Committee on Nominations, and adopted by the Synod, for the special discourse of next year was, "Biblical Theology in its Technical Sense; what posi-



tion should it hold in our American Theological Seminaries?" To deliver the address, *primarius*, Rev. Asher Anderson; *secundus*, Rev. Wm. R. Taylor.

The following action was also taken:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be hereby given to the pastor, consistory and congregation of the church of Millstone for their kind, graceful and Christian hospitality shown to the members of the Synod, and that the Synod prays the blessing of our Covenant Lord upon this people in their work for him.

Four hundred copies of the Minutes were ordered printed.

Five dollars was directed to be paid to the sexton for his services.

An invitation from Dr. Easton to hold the next regular session of the Synod in the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick was accepted with thanks.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations by the Classes were confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Peter V. Van Buskirk,	Elder Isaac D. Bogert,
" Francis M. Bogardus,	" John Wilson,
" William C. Handy.	" Thomas M. Ward.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Cyrus B. Durand,	Elder Peter Bogert,
" Chas. Parker,	" S. C. Barber,
" Andrew B. Taylor.	" J. Westervelt.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D. D.,	Elder Isaac I. Vanderbeck,
" Henry Mattice,	" Michael Terhune,
" William W. Knox.	" John Brinkerhoff.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Wm. R. Duryee, D. D.,	Elder	Thomas M. Gopsill,
"	Philetus T. Pockman,	"	Geo. V. N. Van Duyne,
"	Henry W. F. Jones.	"	Garret E. Winants.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Abm. W. Allen,	Elder	Joseph Parker,
"	Charles D. Buck,	"	John Herbert,
"	Hendrick A. Hendrickson,	"	John Statesir, Jr.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Isaac P. Brokaw,	Elder	Daniel H. Van Mater,
"	Charles J. Young,	"	Samuel Wooley,
"	William H. Ballagh.	"	David Harvey.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	George S. Bishop, D. D.,	Elder	Cornelius T. Williamson,
"	Henry Veshlage,	"	Daniel Holloway,
"	Francis V. Van Vranken.	"	Abm. S. Tanner.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Gustavus Abeel, D. D.,	Elder	Samuel Ainsworth,
"	Louis H. Bahler,	"	Benj. C. Miller,
"	Jacob O. Van Fleet.	"	Frederick A. Fraudt.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Thomas C. Easton, D. D.,	Elder	Jas. G. Cortelyou,
"	James Le Fevre,	"	James Stoothoff,
"	Alex. McWilliam.	"	Abm. Wood.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Mancius H. Hutton, D. D.,	Elder	Goyn D. McCoy,
"	John L. See, D. D.,	"	John S. Bennett,
"	William H. Steele, D. D.	"	Abm. Voorhees.



Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Wm. H. Clark,	"	Elder Edo Kip,
"	Wm. C. Stitt,	"	J. Ferris Boice,
"	Wm. E. Bogardus,	"	Adrian Hopper,
"	Louis G. Jongeneel.	"	Peter C. Kievitt.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Vernon B. Carroll, D. D.,	Elder	Jas. D. Blauvelt,
"	John A. Van Neste,	"	E. Jardine,
"	John H. Duryea, D. D.,	"	Andrew Winter,
"	Nathaniel H. Van Arsdale,	"	George Schut.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	James E. Bernart,	Elder	E. J. Brown,
"	James Demarest,	"	John Wortman,
"	John N. Jansen.	"	W. S. Williams.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Samuel T. Searle,	Elder	Wm. J. Snyder,
"	J. Henry Whitehead,	"	Abm. Doremus,
"	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff,	"	Albert Benson,

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Abm. R. Van Nest, D. D.,	Elder	Thomas Cooper,
"	Chas. F. C. Suckow,	"	Daniel Boehl,
"	Sidney O. Lawsing.	"	John Bastedo.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	John S. Gardner,	Elder	G. P. Cortelyou,
"	Nathaniel I. Rubinkam,	"	Wm. H. Parmenter,
"	Edward Birdsall.	"	Geo. D. Schomp.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Charles H. Pool,	Elder	Fred. J. Frelinghuysen,
"	Cornelius H. Edgar, D. D.,	"	Edward F. Stewart,
"	Frederick E. Schleider.	"	John Schneider.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. H. Hoffman,	Elder Andrew Rarick,
" Artemas Dean,	" David L. Apgar,
" Wm. H. Williamson.	" William H. Yawger.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following were reported by the Nominating Committee and appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. William H. Gleason. *Secundus*, Rev. P. T. Pockman.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.—Primarius, Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw. *Secundus*, Rev. Edward T. Corwin.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. P. M. Doolittle. *Secundus*, Rev. Chas. F. C. Suckow.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn it be to meet in the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday of May, 1883, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer, and the benediction by the President.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *President.*

JOHN C. VAN DEVENTER, *Adsessor.*

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, } *Clerks pro tem.*
HENRY M. COX, }

A true copy of the original minutes.

CHARLES H. POOL, *Stated Clerk.*



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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Regular Session in the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick on Tuesday, May 1, 1883, at 3 o'clock P. M., and remained in session until Thursday afternoon, May 3rd.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Mancius H. Hutton, D. D., the President of the last Synod, who also preached the Synodical sermon, on Tuesday evening, from the text, Joshua, 3rd chapter, 6th verse: "And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the Ark of the Covenant and went before the people."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Revs. Charles S. Wright, L. Goubel.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Revs. Paul D. VanCleef, William Westerfield, William W. Knox, C. F. A. Klien. *Elders*, Isaac I. Vanderbeck, Jas. A. Williamson.

Classis of Monmouth.—Minister, Rev. Theodore W. Wells. *Elder*, Peter C. VanDerveer.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Revs. Henry Vehslage, Ralph

W. Brokaw, Geo. S. Bishop, Chas. E. Hart. *Elders*, Samuel Crane, S. H. Wheeler.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Revs. Jacob Cooper, John G Gebhard, David M. Talmage, John L. See. *Elders*, John DeMott, Peter Hoagland.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Revs. Louis G. Jongeneel, Peter H. Milliken. *Elders*, James D. Blauvelt, David T. Blauvelt.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, Revs. Albert A. King, James H. Owens, Jonah Vaughn. *Elders*, H. V. Doremus, John Wortman.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Revs. Thomas X. Orr, M. N. Oliver, William B. Voorhees, John S. Gardner. *Elders*, H. A. Bower, N. W. Young, H. Polhemus.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Revs. P. M. Doolittle, William E. Davis, Charles H. Pool. *Elders*, Peter Schomp, C. N. Dumont, J. A. Saums, Augustus Tillman.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef was elected *President*.

Rev. Philip M. Doolittle was elected *Adsessor*.

Rev. William E. Davis and Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw were elected *clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were not read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. George S. Bishop, William W. Knox. *Elder*, J. A. Saums.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. John S. Gardner, David M. Talmage. *Elder*, James D. Blauvelt.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. Theodore W. Wells, Chas. S. Wright. *Elder*, S. H. Wheeler.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. Henry Vehslage, Philip M. Doolittle. *Elder*, Jas. A. Williamson.

On Nominations.—Revs. Jacob Cooper, Peter H. Milliken. *Elder*, C. N. Dumont.

On the Questorate.—Revs. William Westerfield, Thomas X. Orr. *Elder*, Augustus Tillman.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

1. An appeal of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia from the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, which action was based upon a complaint of the First Church of Philadelphia that the Third Church, in newly locating its house of worship, had chosen a situation that was "unwise, detrimental to the present and future interests" of the First Church, and "hurtful to the future growth of the Reformed Church in Philadel-

phia." The appeal, with all the papers pertaining thereto, was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

2. An appeal of Daniel S. Jones, an Elder, a Trustee, and the Treasurer of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, from the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, by which action the said Daniel S. Jones claims that he was refused a hearing in certain matters pertaining to the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, and by which, also, a memorial of the Board of Trustees of said Church to said Classis was rejected without being even read to that body. This appeal, with all the papers relating to it, was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

3. A certificate from the Board of Foreign Missions appointing Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D., a delegate to represent the interests of that Board before this Synod. Also a letter from Dr. Wells requesting the Synod to name a time when he may be heard. On motion the Synod appointed the hour of 12 M., Wednesday, in which to hear representatives from both the Foreign and Domestic Boards of Missions, and that their addresses should be limited to fifteen minutes each.

4. An invitation from the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Warwick, N. Y., to hold the next regular session of the Synod in that church. The invitation was accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1882, were received and laid upon the table. A letter was also received from Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, Corresponding Delegate from the Particular Synod of Albany, conveying the fraternal greetings of that body to this Synod.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported that there was nothing in the Minutes claiming the attention of this Synod.



ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports would respectfully call attention to the Synodical request which some of the Classes have overlooked, "that reports upon the state of religion include as far as possible a synopsis of the statements of the individual consistories." (See Min. Gen. Synod, Vol. 9, p. 154.)

Without full and comprehensive reports the Particular Synods do not furnish the minute details of church life and work which the General Synod desires "for an accurate estimate of the condition of the whole Church;" and not only this, but the nearer the Synods are brought to the churches the firmer will be the bond of sympathy between all the churches of the denomination, and the greater the flow of that brotherly love which will cause us "to weep with those that weep and to rejoice with those that rejoice." We trust that in the future the Classes will bear in mind this desire of the Synod to hear something each year from every Consistory.

Your Committee would also call attention to the fragmentary and incomplete condition of the statistics in relation to the number of baptized non-communicants. The report of the Classis of Monmouth is the only report containing such statistics from every church. Two Classes, in which there are thirty-one churches, send no report whatever in relation thereto, while in the Classes reporting in part there are thirty-two churches that have neglected the matter. Nearly one-half of the churches under the care of the Synod are not included in the 7,776 baptised non-communicants reported to the General Synod as the total of such persons within the congregations we represent. If the General Synod considers it desirable to have such a report from the churches, the Classes should certainly exert themselves sufficiently to make the report at least an approximation to the truth. Your Committee suggest that in the General Summary to be printed in the Minutes of this Synod it be stated in a foot-note that in the published total of baptised non-communicants, sixty-three churches are not included. And they also suggest that whereas the General Synod has enjoined the Particular Synod to furnish the Classes blank forms for these

statistical reports (see Minutes, Vol. 9, p. 154), the Stated Clerk of this Synod shall consider it a part of his duty to provide the Classes and Consistories with blank forms that shall contain the necessary column for baptized non-communicants.

But while your Committee regret the incompleteness of the Classical Reports in the particulars mentioned, they find cause for the deepest gratitude to the Heavenly Father because of the cheering character of the tidings they bring from every Classis. As we turn from one report to another we find expressions of thanksgiving to God for the rich and manifold blessings of His grace manifested either by abundant outpourings of the Holy Spirit to the conversion of sinners, and the edification of His people by the preservation of peace and harmony and the gratifying prosperity of former years, or by that material success and growth which through the enlargement or repairing and beautifying of sanctuaries is so frequently the herald of the fulfillment of the promise God made to His ancient people, "I will fill this house with my glory."

Mingled with these strains of rejoicing there is now and then, it is true, an accent of sorrow from individual Churches because the Lord has not visited them with special displays of His saving power, but as such mournful utterances come from hearts made sad through burning zeal for Zion's prosperity and the Saviour's glory, they intensify while softening the song of praise, take from it every tone of self-exaltation, and teach us the important truth that the Kingdom of God advances its conquests "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Several of the Churches have been most signally favored and are still testifying of the Spirit's quickening presence and converting power. Among all the 130 Churches reporting through the Classes to the Synod, there are only twelve which have not rejoiced over sinners brought from careless impenitence to faith in Christ. Throughout the Synod the Gospel has proved its excellency and power, destroying the strongholds of sin, casting down imaginations, and bringing the thoughts of depraved human hearts in obedience to Christ.

The *First Church of New Brunswick* has experienced a revival of extraordinary power, 124 persons having already been received into communion with the people of God, and many others are waiting for the coming commemoration of the Lord's



death to testify for the first time of their consecration to God. The *First Church of Newark* and the *Second Church of Philadelphia* have also been very gratefully revived and are echoing with the rejoicings of many who have recently learned by a sweet experience the Saviour's preciousness. As a Synod we have abundant cause to sing unto the Lord a new song, for His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory.

The statistical tables accompanying the reports of the Classes show an increase of two in the number of both Ministers and Churches. The Classis of Passaic has lost one Church ; the Classes of Bergen, South Bergen and Paramus have each gained one. The candidates for the Ministry are the same as last year. The number of families, although many Churches have carefully revised this list, is 411 more than previously reported. Those received on confession of faith exceed by 136 the 1,006 reported last year, and the net gain in the total number of communicants is 696. The increase in the number of Sabbath School Scholars is only 120, but the number of Catechumens is greater by 1,024, which is good evidence of more vigorous efficiency in this important department of Church work.

Concerning the grace of liberality and benevolence so important for the maintenance and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, we can also testify of some development and growth. The sum of $244,823.80 contributed for congregational purposes is $9,228.92 less than last year's contributions; but the $58,799.02 contributed for the benevolent operations of the Church is $123.98 greater. This is, indeed, a small increase, but it tells of advancement in the right direction, and should constrain every Pastor and Consistory to labor and pray for a fuller consecration of the Church's wealth to Him who, though rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich.

During the year several with whom we have taken sweet counsel in the ministry of reconciliation have heard a voice from Heaven saying unto them, "Come up hither." The Rev. Alexander H. Warner, of the Classis of Bergen; the Rev. Marshal B. Smith, of the Classis of Paramus ; the Rev. Abram Messler and the Rev. William Pitcher, of the Classis of Raritan, have thus ended their labors on earth and are now enjoying the rich rewards of the Gospel they so faithfully proclaimed. Several Classes also mourn the loss of Ruling Elders, who, hav-

ing obtained a good report on earth, are now with the Elders before the Throne. Such an one was Peter A. Voorhees, of Six-Mile-Run, whose Christian zeal and earnest labor are known in all the neighboring Churches, and the influence of whose life and faith will long abide.

The Reports of the different Classes accompany this document and are appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. W. WELLS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that reports have been received from all the Churches. Two Churches have been added to the number (viz: Spring Valley, N. J., and Secaucus), and one appears on the minutes (viz: Fort Lee), which seems to have dropped out of our list. There has been a gain in every item required to be recorded, over last year. The number of families is increased by 225. The gain on Confession, 40; by Certificate, 14. Dismissed, 3 less. Died, 3 less. Total in Communion, 25 more. Infants baptized, 41 more. Catechumens, 248 less—this owing to fewer Churches reporting this item. Total number of Sabbath School Scholars, 40 more. Contributed for religious and benevolent objects, $2,838 more; for congregational purposes, $2,834.98 more.

The Committee remark in general that while there seems to be peace and general prosperity in the Churches, there has been no general outpouring of the Spirit.

The fact that two new Churches have been added to our number is a cause for gratitude to God.

The *First Church of Hackensack* continues its course of prosperity. Nothing unusual has occurred. Its active benevolence is up to the past standard.

The *German Evangelical Church, Hoboken*, reports large accessions—Sabbath School increased, and the number of infants baptized is simply marvellous and commendable.

Schraalenberg reports a gain of ten (10) families. The debt on the Church and parsonage is liquidated. The Ladies' Missionary Society is increased in numbers.

English Neighborhood gives a discouraging report. The

Church has suffered from deaths and removals, and also from the formation of other Churches in the neighborhood.

New Durham reports a slight indication of spiritual awakening.

Closter reports nothing unusual. The attendance is good. The Church has superadded the Envelope plan to the pew-rental system.

Park Reformed Church, Jersey City, has taken a new start in the way of enterprise, so that a very large young element has been brought actively forward. Music has been introduced in such a way as to have increased largely the Sunday School and the Sunday evening attendance has increased at least six-fold. The spiritual condition is good, though not as we would have it. The Church has elected a Board of Trustees, who will hereafter care for the temporalities.

Guttenberg feels gratified for its prosperity, and the indications are favorable for the future.

Palisades reports a spiritual gain and growth in active piety. Attendance is better than for years.

The *First Church of Hoboken* reports the Lord's presence in the Church. The prayer-meetings are largely attended, and souls are being added to our number.

Spring Valley is a new organization and is growing. Good results are hoped for.

Second Hackensack reports matters as usual. The Church suffers from removals and deaths. A dissolution of the relation of Pastor and people will be asked for at this meeting of Classis.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—During the past year Rev. Alexander H. Warner has gone to his eternal home. The Rev. W. H. Scudder has been settled over the Church of New Durham, and Rev. Chas. S. Wright over the Church of Central avenue, Jersey City.

J. HOWARD SUYDAM, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the state of the Churches would respectfully submit the following report: They regret that the want of promptness on the part of some of the Churches in sending statistics has prevented the report from being as elaborate as it should be, and that the growth of this year cannot be fully

compared with that of former years. And yet we must not measure ourselves with ourselves, but with the truest and highest standard. There is much in the spiritual life of the individual and of the Church which cannot be tabulated, and even apparent prosperity may not correspond with the real condition. Our effort has been, therefore, to approximate to the truth, being aided by the pastors in the remarks appended to the statistical tables.

The reports submitted do not give evidence of anything unusual or extraordinary in life or growth. In all the Churches the Word has been statedly preached, two only of our congregations having been a part of the year without pastors or stated supplies. The Holy Spirit has been present to maintain unity and peace, and no "root of bitterness," springing up has troubled us. In the results of our prayers and labors there has been some advance, though but small. God has not left Himself without a witness—His word has not returned void.

In noting the points of special interest we present the following:

The *Church of Bergen* speaks of "general prosperity and quiet development." A young people's prayer meeting has been sustained with some enthusiasm, and the debt on the new Chapel has been materially diminished. "At each communion season we have received members of the church on confession." Death has taken seven of the communicants since the year 1883 opened, and the bereavement, while severe, has called God's people to close up the ranks and gird up the loins for new conflict and effort.

The *First Church of Jersey City* simply sends a statistical report, which shows the Church maintaining about the same position as last year, with an increase in contributions.

The *First Church of Bayonne* sends a cheering report, both in spiritual and temporal matters. An increase attendance on the means of grace is noted and a great growth in the Sunday School. A mission work at Centerville has been begun which gives the largest promise.

The *Second Church of Jersey City* "cannot report anything of special interest." There is an encouraging aspect in the attendance on the Sunday services and weekly prayer meeting.

The *Church of Bergen Point* notes some discouragements in the changing character of the community, and presents a record



which is "a fair average one" in most of its features, except in the fact of fewer additions and more numerous dismissals than for many years past.

The *Second Church of Hudson City* speaks of the misfortune of being without a pastor for the last four months. Steps, however, have been taken to call a new minister. Otherwise all the work of the Church is shown to be most satisfactory, the Ladies' Society having paid off a floating debt, and the Sunday School and Parochial School being in a flourishing condition.

The *Lafayette Church of Jersey City* presents the story of "peace and growth, without any remarkable outpouring of spiritual blessings."

The *Church of Greenville* reports "a year of continuous work and general prosperity." The Ladies' Prayer Meeting and Missionary Society have been marked features in the Church life. The children have taken greater interest in the regular Church services, and "the pastor preaches a five-minute sermon to children every Sunday morning." The report notes a sad experience of the Church through the fall of one of its members into the gross sin of betrayal of financial trust.

The *Free Church of Jersey City* rejoices in its comfortable and rededicated house of worship which was opened last October. "Our congregation is better than formerly, some precious fruit has been gathered, our Sunday School was never more pleasant and prospering." Peace and harmony prevail among the members. Three weekly prayer meetings are held.

The *Third Church of Bayonne* says "the condition of the Church is hopeful, and the interest of the people has increased." Removals of families from the place are deplored, as the membership of the Church has thus been weakened.

In the *South Bergen Church* the removal of the pastor last June wrought at first discouragement, and then produced a "resolve to labor unitedly, first for the life and then for the upbuilding of the Church." Through the help of the Building Fund the lots on which the Church building stands have been secured. A member of the Senior Class of our Theological Seminary has been selected as pastor; and it is hoped he will be able to begin his ministry with the Church before the Summer opens. "A growing spiritual interest is manifesting itself among the young people."

The *First German Evangelical Church* of Jersey City has just

been organized. As a number of its communicants were received 'on confession' at the organization owing to the want of letters of dismission, the total "received on confession" in the Classical Report has been increased above what it otherwise would have been. Of course the statistics of this Church are imperfect.

This completes the record of special points of interest. In conclusion, in view of the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in parts of our own and other denominations, we would urge renewed consecration on the ministers and people of our churches, and greater earnestness in supplicating God's blessings.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry M. Cox and the South Bergen Church was dissolved June 29, 1882, and he was granted a letter of dismission to the Classis of Montgomery. The Rev. Wm. Westfield, Jr., who presented his credentials as an ordained minister of a Congregational Church and his dismission therefrom, was received, after due examination and signing the formula for ministers, into the Classis, Oct 17, 1882. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Carl Girtanner and the Second Church of Hudson City was dissolved Nov. 29, 1882, and he was given a letter of dismission to the Classis of Newark. The First German Church of Jersey City was organized March 1, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. KNOX, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following:

All the churches save one have sent in their reports, though some of them so late that it is in some degree confusing to arrange the matter in a satisfactory manner. The attention of the churches is called to the usual rule and request, to send in their reports at least ten days before the meeting of Classis; otherwise it is hardly possible to secure a complete and full and orderly report of the state of religion within the bounds of the Classis.

Looking over the story of the year's work in the Churches reporting, we find very much matter for gratitude to the grea



Head of the Church for blessings bestowed. At the same time enough can be discovered to justify lamentation at the possibility of blessings withheld.

Some additions from the world have been made to all the Churches reporting except one. On the other hand, the aggregate number of persons received on confession is less by twenty-two, nearly one-third less than the year preceding. There has been no unusual or marked manifestation of the Spirit's converting power in any of our Churches; yet it is evident that a measure of Divine blessing has fallen gently and effectively upon them all. How much this might have been augmented by firmer grasps on the promises of God, by more of the violence which takes the Kingdom of Heaven by force, by less conformity to the world on the part of the membership, may be a question for serious self-searching in the year to come.

The most conspicuous features of growth and progress have been in things temporal. Among these we may include enlarged edifices, increased facilities, beautified sanctuaries, new structures, extinguished debts, multiplied energies. In all these directions there has been an unwonted degree of prosperity in the churches.

Asbury Park has commenced the erection of a new house of worship and hopes to be assisted in efforts to complete it free of debt. She also reports an increased membership.

Second Freehold has repaired and refurnished her lecture room, beautifying its interior and adapting it to the demands of the Sunday School, meanwhile keeping up her religious and benevolent contributions to the high standard of former years. There are no blank spaces in the columns of Second Freehold's report.

Holmdel rejoices in the removal of the last remnant of debt leaving her financially free from the claims of all men.

First Long Branch has remodelled and enlarged her edifice, nearly doubling its seating capacity and adapting it to the growing demands of the congregation. The improvement includes a lecture room which can be connected with or separated from the main auditorium.

Colt's Neck reports a marked decrease in the number of families and members, but accounts for the fact by a thorough revision of the church lists, through a commendable desire to report only those practically identified with the church.

Middletown presents a report which is a model in its way. A single incisive sentence expresses it all, thus: "A year of uniform prosperity." This is doubtless the soul of truth, if not of wit.

Second Long Branch reports a year of moderate growth and a gradual increase in the morning attendance.

Marlborough or *First Freehold* has had a year of peculiar experience. For over five months the church building was closed for repairs, service being held in the chapel. Then a long succession of stormy Sabbaths reduced the congregations to a small fraction of their usual size. These interruptions have greatly diminished their contributions to benevolent objects. Then the great Reaper has passed through this field with an unusually large swathe; eight persons in the communion of the church having been gathered home. But though the winds have been contrary the Master has been with them "toiling and rowing." Six souls have been received on confession of faith and the church edifice has been thoroughly repaired and beautified free of debt.

The Church of the Highlands speaks very hopefully of an increase both in the members aud interest of the Sunday School, and looks encouragingly towards a coming harvest to be reaped from these young souls. The report also acknowledges the goodness of God and of His people in sending generous aid in a substantial form to help the mission over the emergency of the past year.

Keyport is the bearer of glad tidings over an increased membership and attendance, the latter said to be better than ever before in the history of the church. The tone of the entire report has the ring of courage, confidence and hopefulness in God and the future.

The contributions of Classis for religious and benevolent objects fall short of the previous year. But this is accounted for by the increased strain made upon the people for local improvements, together with the very many stormy Sabbaths of this intensely severe Winter. The amount for congregational purposes exceeds that of last year $1.295.82.

The following are the *ecclesiastical changes* during the year:

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Hendrick A. Hendrickson and the church at Colt's Neck was dissolved August 25th, 1882, and Mr. Hendrickson dismissed to the Classis of



Rensselaer. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Stephen J. Harmeling and the church at Spotswood was dissolved October 30th, 1882, and Mr. Harmeling dismissed to the Classis of Illinois. The Rev. William H. Phraner was received from the Classis of Schenectady Oct. 30th, 1882, and is acting as stated supply for the Second Church at Long Branch. The Rev. Geo. W. Labaw was received from the Classis of Ulster and installed pastor of the church at Colt's Neck, December 5th, 1882. The church at Spotswood has extended a call to the Rev. Cyril Spaulding, and arrangements have been made for his installation.

Thus ends the record of another year so far as human eye can scan it. But there is an unwritten history by another scribe "who seeth not as man seeth." What He has written we know not now, but we shall know hereafter. Who can tell what disclosures there may be then of glorious fruitage, sprung from seed sown in tears, perhaps, and with a trembling hand, in the year that is gone. It should never be forgotten that the life germ is in the seed, never in the hand that casts it. Therefore whether it be sunshine or shadow, storm or calm, the jubilant spirit of success or the gathering gloom of conscious failure, let us sow, prayerfully, patiently, persistently sow, and in due time we shall reap if we faint not. For thus saith the Lord: My word "shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

CHARLES J. YOUNG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The committee upon the state of religion would report as follows:

Of our fourteen churches, three are at present vacant; two of them have a stated supply, and one, the Second Church of Newark, hopes soon to have a pastor. The whole number of accessions during the year is 329, of whom 175 have been upon the confession of their faith—an average of 12½ to each church, or more than one each month in each church of the Classis.

Several of our churches report an unusually large number of additions, as in the First, of Newark, 75; Clinton avenue, Newark, 60, and Trinity of Plainfield, 56; while others find encouragement in the fact that their late averages have been largely

increased. Perhaps, never at any previous point in her history has the Classis shown herself so healthful and so vigorous.

Supplementary to these general and introductory statements of fact, it is proper to fix attention upon certain more immediate and significant aspects of the Lord's work among us.

Belleville says: "Since the installation of our pastor in June last, the audiences have been steadily increasing, and considerable spiritual interest has been and is manifested, especially among the young. In their behalf a Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized, whose object is to give its members a work to do in and for the Church. Among other things, it carries on a week-day cottage prayer meeting, and so far it has been a success. By a new plan for benevolent contributions, collections are regularly taken for all the Boards and funds of the Church."

The *First Church of Newark* says: "A special spiritual interest has been experienced during the past Winter which has borne blessed fruits; 76 have been added to the membership within the year; 40 of these were received at the last communion season. A large additional number have declared their intention of soon uniting with us. The Church has witnessed but few seasons of similar growth in the fifty years of its history.

Irvington "makes grateful mention of the Divine goodness which enables us to see the accomplishment of some things that seemed almost hopeless one year ago, and to mark the increase in spiritual and financial strength. We are encouraged in the use of the appointed means, and a more hopeful feeling prevails."

The *Second Church of Newark* sends a statistical table, and looks forward to the speedy settlement of a pastor.

Franklin says: "Considering the inclement Winter and the bad walking, the congregations have been fair, and a better feeling and more harmony are being manifested in the congregation than at any time since the trials and difficulties of a year ago. Five persons have been received to the Lord's supper on profession of their faith, and there are others who seem to be seriously minded."

The Consistory of the *North Reformed Church, Newark*, feel that they have reason to be grateful to the Great Head of the Church for the blessings which the church has received in all departments of its work. The attendance upon the services of

the sanctuary continues to increase, while the prayer meeting is well attended and good seems to be accomplished by the preaching of the Gospel on the Lord's day and the services of the prayer meeting. The congregation has been divided into districts, to each of which an elder and deacon have been appointed. Each district will in a measure be like the parish of these officers and under their special care.

The *Clinton Avenue Church* says: "The past year has been graciously marked by the favor of the Lord in the outward and inward condition of the Church and congregation. The Church edifice has been thoroughly renovated. The ordinary Church work has gone steadily onward with increased attendance on Sabbath and week-day services, and the spiritual life of the people, which at one time seemed less vigorous than usual, has been quickened by the blessings of the Holy Comforter upon their use of the means of grace. Sixty persons have joined the Church during the year, of whom thirty were received upon confession of faith at our last two communions. A Sunday evening Evangelistic service has been held in Hope Chapel, with a good attendance and encouraging spiritual results."

The *East Church* says: "The spiritual state of the Church is warm, healthy and growing. Our increase does not show much advancement, yet individual members and the Church as a whole are awakening to the obligations and duties resting upon them."

The *Church of Linden* notes new cause for hopefulness, and is developing greater power for self-support.

Stone House Plains reports: "Although we have to regret that the number added to the Church is less than the number lost by death and removals, still we feel that the year has not been without its good fruit. The average attendance at the Sabbath services has been greater than it was during the preceding year, and the attendance of Church members more regular."

The *Woodside Church* says: "The spiritual interest in the Church is most encouraging, as manifest in attendance at Sunday services and prayer-meetings. We are now holding ten-minute prayer-meetings at the close of the Sabbath School, in which several of the young people have decided to confess Christ."

The *Church of Orange* reports "a steady growth and the spe-

cial blessing of the Lord upon the catechetical exercise held on Wednesday afternoon and attended by a large and interested audience both of parents and children. The Consistory have also in contemplation an addition to the Church edifice, for which a sinking fund has been created and is constantly being increased."

Trinity Church, Plainfield, says: "We must again bear wit ness to God's faithfulness. It has pleased Him to honor the means used in His name, and to strengthen and bless us in many ways. We can speak of a very appreciable increase in membership, and while we must grieve that more have not openly yielded their hearts to Christ, yet we record with thankfulness that 18 have professed faith in His name. Among the 38 whom we have welcomed from sister Churches are many mature and earnest Christians, who with heart and hand and voice at once began to labor with us in the Gospel."

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw was received from the Classis of Montgomery, June 2, 1882, and installed Pastor at Belleville. Mr. Theodore Shafer was received as a licentiate from the Classis of Albany, June 2, 1882, and ordained and installed Pastor in the East Church, Newark. Rev Carl Girtanner was received from the South Classis of Bergen Dec. 5, 1882, and installed Pastor of the West Newark German Church.

Rev. F. V. Van Vranken was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery, Oct. 11, 1882; Rev. H. M. Voorhees to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, Dec. 5, 1882; Rev. A. M. Quick to the Classis of Westchester, Dec. 11, 1882; and Rev. Frederick Kerr to the German Evangelical Synod of North America March 14, 1883.

GEORGE S. BISHOP, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

By a careful analysis, we are prepared to report a year of progress by larger accessions to our membership on confession of faith, while the whole outlook upon the future is full of promise.

First Church of New Brunswick: The year has been marked by the manifest presence and power of the Holy Spirit. A series of meetings, commencing Dec. 1st and continued for twelve weeks, resulted in the conversion of many souls. The

pastor during that time met with about 250 persons, as anxious inquirers. At the last communion, 119 were gathered in on confession of faith, as the first fruits. Many have united with other churches, and others are to be received at the Communion in June.

Six Mile Run: The ecclesiastical year just closed will always be remembered by our people for its extraordinary sorrows. In November one of our younger members, Mr. John P. Baker, was killed by the cars at Elizabeth. On the 9th of March Messrs. Peter A. Voorhees and Abram Voorhees, both in the active eldership of the church, and while engaged in a mission for the church, both of whom have sat as members of Classis, were struck by a train and instantly killed. On the following Friday Mr. Thomas Gibson, a third elder, died of a painful and lingering disease; and on April 10th, Mr. Henry Garretson, one of the most respected members of the congregation, was seized with sudden illness at his table, and expired in a few moments. Eleven deaths in all have occurred. The whole church is in mourning, and we ask the prayers of the Classis, that our bereavements may be sanctified to us.

Hillsborough reports a small accession, and is grateful therefor. The Sabbath services are well attended, and the word of God is listened to with deep interest, and not without spiritual profit. They earnestly hope and pray that they may again be blessed, as in years past, by a gracious outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

Middlebush reports coldness and carelessness on the part of some, and zeal and joyful experiences on the part of others. Too many are still undecided for Christ. The severity of the drought for two or three years has diminished the income of many. In the substantial and working elements of the church there is complete harmony of feeling and effort to sustain the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

Griggstown has only recently been supplied with a pastor. There has been no special manifestation of the Spirit's power among them, but they are thankful for the unity, general spirituality and Christian fellowship that prevail.

Second Church of New Brunswick: Harmony has prevailed. The weekly meetings have been unusually well attended. The attendance on the Lord's day has been considerably affected by the remarkable succession of stormy Sundays, but lately the

usually satisfactory congregations have again assembled. Gratefully acknowledging the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Consistory desires a yet fuller manifestation of His power.

Bound Brook has received a new pastor during the year, and reported only statistics.

East Millstone: The past year has not been marked by anything unusual in our church-life. No special work of the Spirit has been visible, but the usual attendance has been seen at the several services, and the spirit of harmony and good will has prevailed.

Metuchen: Our congregations have continued about as the year before. A good degree of interest at the week of prayer was manifested, resulting in several conversions and additions to the church. A debt of $1,100 has been cleared off since our 25th anniversary, Dec. 29, 1882.

Third Church of New Brunswick: Only statistical table.

There is presented as evidence of God's continued favor the fact that 189 have been received on confession—an increase over last year of 92.

The decrease in contributions for congregational purposes is to be explained by the circumstance that the First and Second churches of New Brunswick had special work on their hands the preceding year, the one making extensive repairs, the other clearing off a floating debt. In benevolence there is a small decrease. There is needed more early training in the matter of systematic benevolence.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. Ralph Willis was received by certificate from the Classis of Monmouth, May 23rd, 1882. The following students were licensed May 23rd, 1882, to preach the Gospel: Peter K. Hageman, who was since dismissed to the Classis of Orange; Cornelius Schenck, since dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia; William H. Scudder, since dismissed to the Classis of Bergen; William Wormser, since dismissed to the Classis of Paramus; and Kumage Kimura (a native of Japan), who was ordained to the ministry on Sunday evening, June 4th, 1882, in the First Church of New Brunswick, and who remains a member of this Classis. Rev. David M. Talmage was installed as pastor over the Church of Bound Brook on Sept. 20th, 1882. Rev. John G. Gebhard was received from the Classis of Hudson, and ex-

amined for ordination Sept. 20th, and ordained to the ministry, and installed pastor over the Church of Griggstown, Oct. 17th, 1882.

THOMAS C. EASTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The reports from the Churches, with few exceptions, are full of good cheer to all who love the prosperity of Zion.

One hundred and sixty-eight souls have been hopefully converted and added to the membership. The spirit of harmony prevails, and debts, some of long standing, are melting away before self-denying effort. The reduction of Church debts, and, in one or two instances, their entire liquidation, is a marked feature of the work achieved during the year.

The Church at Clarkstown, supplied by the Rev. Charles S. Hageman, D. D., has paid one-half of its debt of $6,400, and subscriptions are largely pledged for the balance. The First Holland Church of Paterson allude to their debt as having been a sore embarrassment to their work, and entertain the hope that soon it will be altogether disposed of. Already more than half the amount necessary for its payment has been secured. The Holland Church at Passaic has established a sinking fund by which a debt of $2,400 on their property is being successfully reduced. The sum of $4,000 was subscribed by the Church of Nyack toward the reduction of their debt. Of this amount more than $3,500 have been paid. A debt of $300, which has rested on the Church at Ramseys since its erection, is nearly removed. The Church of Spring Valley has reduced its debt $750, leaving a balance of $1,200, for the further reduction of which provision has been made. As a consequence of this outlay upon debts there is an increase over last year, of $6,060.90 in the contributions for congregational purposes, and instead of a decrease for religious and benevolent purposes, as might be naturally assumed, there is also an increase of $614.97 over last year, which is gratifying evidence that the grace of liberality is being cultivated and developed in our churches.

The following synopses of the reports will afford some knowledge of the work and progress of the respective churches:

Acquackanonck, in revising its census, placed upon the "Retired List" thirty-eight more names, esteeming it advisable, in view of the direct *per capita* tax levied by General Synod upon

all the reported members of the church, to report only such as reside within the bounds of the congregation. There is no debt or dissension of any kind. Services are attended usually well. Ordinances are regularly observed and prayer-meetings sustained. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition.

Broadway, Paterson, has nothing to boast of, little to lament, and much to be thankful for. They are absorbed in a new church enterprise, in which satisfactory progress is being made.

Centreville was organized on the fifth of last October, and added to our roll of churches, with a membership of nineteen persons, which has since increased to thirty-six. Thus this young enterprise is growing in numbers and strength and is full of promise. It reports a Sabbath School of 149 scholars.

Clarkstown, though without a settled pastor, has been blessed in the ministrations of their stated supply, Dr. Charles S. Hageman. The addition to their communion of four on confession of their faith in Christ, is evidence that the Lord hath not left them without witnesses of his power and love.

First Holland, Paterson, rejoices in peace and harmony, and has reason to believe that the truth preached has taken hold upon the minds and hearts of those who have heard through the Spirit.

Holland, Lodi, has had the Gospel faithfully and regularly preached, and trusts that in His own good time the Lord will make the fruits to appear.

Holland, Passaic, has been blessed in the addition of twenty-one to their membership and in the diminution of the debt on their church property.

Holland, Wortendyke, has largely increased its numbers by an accession of fifty-nine in all; thirty four on confession and twenty-five by certificate. They have also made great material advancement, having completed their house of worship and built a parsonage.

Second Lodi has suffered the loss of several families, who were obliged to move away, being deprived of employment through the destruction by fire of the Lodi Print Works. The effect of the disaster was also perceptible in the thinning out of the children in the Sabbath School. They have faith, however, that the Church has a useful future before it, and, by the help of God, resolve to labor prayerfully on.

North Passaic reports harmony, unity, zeal, a spirit of prayer

and an earnest desire to advance the Redeemer's cause. Success has crowned the year, and the prospect for the future is encouraging.

Nyack has had another year of great prosperity. Thirty have been added to the Church, of whom sixteen were received on confession. A Pastor's Aid Society has been formed with gratifying results, and through a new and increased interest in God's Word, one hundred and fifty members of the congregation are engaged in reading the Bible in course. The losses by death have been unusually severe. Particular mention is made of Cornelius T. Smith, who was called home at the ripe age of 85 years, and who was the oldest member of the Church. He was formerly an elder, and was the last surviving member of the building committee under whose supervision their house of worship was erected.

Paramus is healthful and hopeful. Though the year was unmarked by great events, it has brought to them many tokens of God's favor. Harmony has continued unbroken; material strength has increased, and some sheaves have been garnered for the Lord.

Pascack has received ten persons on confession, and a legacy of $500 from the estate of the late Ryneer Wortendyke.

Piermont laments that the power of God's Spirit has not been greatly felt by them. Four, however, have been added to the Church on confession, for which they are thankful, and beg of God's grace a larger blessing in the future.

Ramapo is much revived. Nineteen have been added to their membership since the first Sabbath in March, 1882, fourteen of whom were on confession. The Week of Prayer was observed, and the meetings were continued through the two succeeding weeks, resulting in several conversions.

Ramseys reports that work of the Church has gone prosperously forward. Multiplied meetings of prayer during the Winter were well attended, and proved effectual to the development of the spiritual gifts and graces of the members, though they did not result, as was hoped, in the conversion of many souls.

Ridgewood has reason to believe that God is blessing the word preached and the work done. They deplore the loss of five families, who have removed elsewhere. The pastor is now occupying the new parsonage, recently completed at a cost, including the lot, of $4,000.

Saddle River is having a hard struggle financially. They have been greatly weakened in recent years by the death of aged members, whose places have not been filled.

Second Totowa has been safely brought through a crisis without loss or division. The seed of Divine truth sown for years is springing up. The new pastor has been warmly welcomed. God has blessed the labors of His servants in such a manner that it may be truly said: "He that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." In every department there is steady growth. Thirty members have been received; nineteen on confession.

Spring Valley cannot report any special interest in the public means of grace. Though attention to them is not what they desire, it is such as calls for devout thanksgiving to God. The Sabbath School is prosperous, and the Society auxiliary to the "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions" has collected over $50 for its object.

Tappan is vacant; their pastor, Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt, having resigned in November last, to accept a call from the church at Easton, Pa.

Warwick records its gratitude to God for another year of merciful Providence and blessing.

West New Hempstead has been without a settled pastor for more than a year and a half. They have had preaching every alternate Sabbath during the Winter months, and have held prayer-meetings on the Sabbaths when there was no preaching. They expect soon to make arrangements for the regular supply of their pulpit.

The churches of the Classis report a total gain of 39 families and 117 communicants, notwithstanding the revision by five of the churches of their list of members. There has also been a gain of 429 catechumens and 328 Sabbath School scholars. From this review of the record of the year we have cause to thank God and take courage for the work that awaits us in the time to come.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. William W. Letson was received from the Classis of Schenectady and installed as pastor of the churches of Ramapo and Ramseys, June 27, 1882. The candidate William Wormser was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, or-



dained to the Gospel ministry and installed pastor of the Holland Church of Passaic, June 26, 1882. The Rev. Marshall B. Smith, D. D., formerly a member of the Classis, was received again from the Reformed Episcopal Church, May 29, 1882, and died suddenly at Canaan Four Corners, N. Y., September 1, 1882. The Rev. John H. Duryea, D. D., who for more than forty-three years was pastor of the Second Church of Totowa, Paterson, was declared *Emeritus* May 29, 1882. The Rev. Peter H. Milliken was received from the Classis of Orange and installed pastor of the Second Church of Totowa, Paterson, October 8, 1882. The pastoral relation between the Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt and the Church of Tappan, N. Y., was dissolved Nov. 6, 1882, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan. The Church of Centreville, N. J., was organized October 5, 1882. The Rev. Alexander McKelvey, formerly a member of this Classis, was received again from the Presbytery of New York and installed pastor of the Church of Centreville, Dec. 28, 1882.

N. H. VAN ARSDALE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your committee on the state of religion respectfully submit the following report: We have fourteen churches on our roll, and five ministers without charge. All our churches have settled pastors, except three. An accurate report by your committee is rendered impossible by the absence of the consistorial report of the Church at Boonton. However, enough has been learned to give an approximate statement. With respect to financial affairs, all our churches seem prosperous. Six churches report improvement and repairs to church property. These six are Preakness, Little Falls, Wyckoff, First Totowa, Union Reformed and Ponds. Another still reports plans successfully prosecuted for the same purpose. Pecuniarily there has been progress. Contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have been increased in some churches very much. Those churches which do not show an increase under this column do show it under the column for Congregational purposes. For religious and benevolent purposes the increase over last year is $614.25. For congregational purposes the increase is $2,192.74. As these two columns taken together show the amount of money cast into the Lord's treasury for the support and spread of His

Gospel, we can rejoice that the "grace of giving" has grown in our churches. The census of families is smaller than that of last year. This is not due to an actual decrease of families, but to a more exact method of counting them. Every church but one reports additions on confession of faith, and every church but two additions by certificate. The number in most cases is small, and in only one church has there been anything that could be called a special manifestion of the Holy Spirit's power.

The column "Died" never fails to have figures. This year it is especially full. The First Totowa and Pompton churches have suffered most. Three churches show a slightly decreased roll of communicants; all the others have an increased roll. Montville, First Totowa and Union Reformed report the largest gains under this column. The youth in our congregations have been special objects of attention, and Sabbath School instruction has been pursued with diligence and vigor Harmony and peace within themselves and with one another characterize all our churches. The signs of external prosperity are marked and most gratifying. But spiritually the retrospect of the year is not so cheering. While it is, undoubtedly, cause for gratitude that the regular ministrations of the Gospel have been maintained, and while all the reports contain encouraging words, yet we cannot fail to notice that only one of our churches has been visited with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The brethren encourage themselves with what they hope *will be*, rather than rejoice over what has been accomplished. Our attitude is expressed by the Psalmist: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." We need to urge upon the members of our churches the duty and privilege of individual personal labor in the Master's cause. When Charles Wesley's famous motto is realized in all our churches, "all at it, and always at it," we may be sure that the righteousness of our Zion will go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. We subjoin as usual extracts from the several reports:

Boardville, as usual, has no voice. It is a church only in name.

Boonton sends no report.

Fairfield reports "increasing interest in religion." Four have



found Christ who have not as yet connected themselves with the church. The unusual number of stormy Sabbaths has diminished the attendance upon the sanctuary; but with the more settled weather of Spring the numbers attending both week-day and Sabbath services have grown and give ground for much encouragement.

Franklin Furnace reports no special manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power, yet a healthy spiritual growth, and an increased interest on the part of the unconverted in all services. The Sunday School work is progressive. The power of rum in the place has been almost destroyed through the work of the church.

Little Falls reports that the year has been one of sowing rather than of reaping. The stated services have been well attended. Peace and harmony prevail. Three hundred dollars have been expended in improving the church property. There is manifested a disposition to cordially sustain all the interests of the church, and the ladies have commenced raising a fund for church purposes. Several have united with the church.

Montville reports a revival of religion in which twenty-four made a public profession of faith in Christ. The converts represent all the five districts of the congregation. Some of them will be strong supporters of the church in the near future. There has also been a considerable increase in the membership of the Sabbath School. Plans for improving the church edifice have met with unexpected success. Benevolent contributions have been increased.

Sixth Paterson (*Holland*) sends no report.

Pompton Plains reports that their statistical table, when compared with that of former years, shows a quiet, steady growth, both in temporal and spiritual matters. A spirit of harmony among the people and a willing mind in every interest of the church give occasion for devout thanks to the great Head of the Church.

Pompton reports: "Our spiritual condition is hopeful. While the actual ingathering of souls would indicate that the blessing of our Covenant God has been withheld, yet there pervades a spirit of inquiry which is encouraging. The Week of Prayer and subsequent meetings were largely attended, and some ten or twelve manifested their personal interest in the welfare of their souls. These, we trust, will soon profess their faith in

Christ. There is also an evident advance in the spiritual life of many of God's people, attended by an unusual solicitude for the conversion of souls. Several members have been removed by death. This fact stimulates our hearts to faithful service by reminding us that we know not how soon the Master shall call us to Himself."

Ponds reports: "Our church during the year has enjoyed spiritual health, and our people are alive and active for the Master. Souls are being brought to Christ, one by one. The temporal interests of the church have been well taken care of, and the parsonage has been remodeled."

Preakness reports that extensive repairs have been made in the church edifice, for which the people contributed with a willingness that was a surprise to all. But spiritually, progress is not so marked. Some souls have been drawn to Christ from the ranks of the young, but we have not been refreshed with Divine influences as we had hoped to be. We feel, however, that God is near to us. Though He has tarried long, His step may be even now at the door.

First Totowa reports: "A review of our work for the past year gives occasion for profound gratitude to God. In every department of church work there is a fair degree of prosperity. Harmony, healthful vigor and hopefulness prevail. It is not bubble, but brawn. It is not the point attained, but the degree of attainment which encourages. In spiritual affairs, while we cannot say that we have had what is commonly called a revival, yet the religious life of very many professing Christians has been deepened. They have a larger understanding of the responsibilities and privileges of Christian discipleship. Some who were idlers have become active workers in the Master's vineyard. We have increased in numbers, zeal and efficiency. While there has been no large ingathering at any time, yet at every communion season we have received accessions both on confession of faith and by certificate. We have been unusually afflicted by the death of prominent members. We have complied with the recommendations of General Synod, and now read the Psalms responsively in public worship. In our temporal affairs, we have repaired our church edifice and paid for the work. We have at last resolutely grappled the ugly problem of our church finances. For years past there has been an annual deficit in current expenses. We hope at the end of this

year to have no deficiency. Financially, if we are not thoroughly well, we certainly are convalescent."

Union Reformed (*Holland.*) This Church reports the state of religion during the past year to be as usual. Our history has not been characterized by a revival, yet thirteen have confessed their faith in Christ, and twenty-one more are applicants for church-membership. The growth in numbers attending upon the ministrations of the Sanctuary has been so great that it became our duty to enlarge our church building. This has been accomplished successfully. We thank God and take courage.

Wyckoff reports no special interest during the past year. In temporal matters, the church edifice has been repaired, the parsonage painted, and a considerable amount raised for congregational purposes.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Oliver H. Walser and the church at Boonton was dissolved Dec. 26, 1882, and Mr. Walser was dismissed to the Classis of New York. The pastoral relation between the church at Pompton and the Rev. John N. Jansen was dissolved April 4, 1883.

J. L. DANNER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would report that they have examined carefully the reports of all the churches in the Classis except those of Harlingen and Rocky Hill, which they have not received. These reports indicate a large measure of financial strength and generous benevolence; give many signs of great outward prosperity; rejoice in the blessings of Christian harmony and peace (with a single exception); tell of much faithful, earnest work for the Master—in the pulpits, the the homes, the Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings—for all of which Christian hearts would thank God. Still there breathes in all these reports an undertone of sad disappointment over the smallness of the *spiritual* harvest that has been gathered in comparison with the means used. One report expresses the feeling: "We would be rejoiced to see a fuller, deeper, broader Christian consecration among all our members. We fear that worldliness is not resisted by some as it should be." Another

says: "We need and desire the gracious presence of the Holy Spirit in greater measure, convincing, converting and sanctifying souls."

While then with devout gratitude we recognize our Father's goodness to our churches during the year, is there not enough of barrenness to humble us before God, and lead us to seek a fuller and richer consecration of ourselves to the great work to which we are called?

THOMAS X. ORR, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

In connection with the table of statistics, your Committee on Consistorial Reports begs leave to say: The past year has not been peculiarly marked, upon the one hand by any unwonted prosperity, nor upon the other hand by calamity. Our churches have maintained their average *status*, with some encouraging indications of spiritual vitality and progress.

The First Church of Raritan has experienced much Divine favor. A young people's prayer-meeting has been well sustained, growing out of a young men's meeting held weekly for nearly a year in the pastor's study; is building a chapel at considerable expense, without diminishing contributions for benevolent purposes.

Readington has had a year of prosperity in finances, remarkable exemption from death, and some gratifying evidences of prosperity in spiritual interests, notwithstanding the fact that the number of accessions to the church "on confession" is small.

Bedminster has had, as is believed, a steady and solid growth both in conversions from the world and in the spiritual growth of her members.

Lebanon thankfully acknowledges the goodness of God in the steadfastness of a considerable proportion of her members, but deplores the prevalence of "sin, worldliness and Sabbath desecration" on the part of many. A "faithful few" continue in prayer. The Week of Prayer was observed with considerable interest, and the desirable fruit of the good seed of the Word is confidently expected. This church is soon to be left without a pastor.

Rockaway rejoices in exemption from mortality and other calamities; is humbled by a sense of short-coming in the im-

provement of mercies; prays and waits for the needed blessing of God which rewards earnest toilers and calls forth enlarged effort. This church, too, is about to become vacant. It is out of debt, with church and parsonage in good order.

North Branch notes the absence of her members, generally, from the prayer-meeting, although the church services are well attended; is not without tokens of the operation of God's converting power; by great effort has just liquidated a long-standing debt of $1,000.

Second Raritan has found the year one of continued blessing from God; rejoices in both temporal and spiritual prosperity; has sustained great expense in refitting the parsonage: and at the same time has made unusually large contributions for religious and benevolent purposes. The attendance at meetings for prayer has largely increased during the Fall and Winter.

Peapack has been vacant for some months; hopes to secure a pastor soon; sends no report, and we use the one of last year in the accompanying statistical table.

Branchville is encouraged by the results of Christian labor; all the meetings are well attended, and the cry is heard, "What must I do to be saved?" Liberality is manifested in response to appeals for money needed in the Lord's works. Losses by death have been numerous and extremely afflicting.

Third Raritan has had gratifying increase of members, good attendance upon the ordinances of worship, and zeal in Christian work; mourns her great loss in the death of Elder William S. Opie, a most valuable member and Christian brother.

Easton, without indicating special growth in any department, rejoices in harmony among her members, increased attendance upon the means of grace, and a general state of things which prompts expectation of larger and richer blessings.

Plainfield (German) sends no report; seems in an exhausted condition; is practically dead to us. The *Christian Intelligencer* reports the development of a new line of work among the German element in Plainfield. Whether this will result in the revivifying of this church, which has so long stood upon our roll, or in the formation of a new organization, remains to be seen.

Pottersville is embarrassed by financial difficulties, but by vigorous effort has met its current expenses and reduced the principal of its standing debt. While the statistics do not show

great gains, the pastor and consistory confidently and most gratefully note signs of spiritual increase and progress in the right direction.

High Bridge reports a Sabbath School in more flourishing condition than ever before, a peaceful and harmonious people, and tokens of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, as there have been several conversions which have not yet been avowed in the way of public confession and admission to church membership. This church has been a serious loser and a sore mourner by reason of the death of Elder James H. Walker, so long known, highly useful, and eminently serviceable as a frequent member of this Classis, and so invaluable in various ways to the church of which he was a member.

Clinton Station, (at Annandale, N. J.,) has obstacles to growth and embarrassments, in overcoming which some progress has been made. The church grounds have been improved, the current expenses met, liberality advanced, and all the needed funds procured "without resorting to fairs, festivals, entertainments or other questionable means of supporting the Gospel." Benevolent contributions are larger than ever before; so, too, is the Sabbath School. There is a gratifying increase of members—twenty-four in all—and twelve of them on confession. Sickness and death have prevailed remarkably, and among those taken from the earth were three "fathers in Israel" who were members of this church from its inception, and had each served in the Eldership.

Fourth Raritan has a people widely scattered as to points of residence. Hence the Sabbath School was necessarily suspended through the Winter, and the attendance at church services was very fluctuating. With Spring the audience is increasing. Eleven have been added to this church during the year, and there seems to be promise of much greater growth. With these items concerning the several churches of our Classis, we deem it unnecessary to add any comments or resolutions.

Ministerial Changes.

The Rev. Abram Messler was removed by death, June, 1882. The Rev. C. T. Anderson has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

The following Licentiates have been dismissed, viz: John



Scarlet, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Harmon Hageman and John L. Stillwell. to the Classis of Orange.

Pastoral relations have been changed as follows: Rev. Charles T. Anderson has been dismissed from the Church of Peapack; Rev. Frederick E. Schlieder has been relieved of the care of the Plainfield (German) Church; Rev. Edward Griffin Read has been installed over the Second Church of Raritan, and Rev. Geo. M. S. Blauvelt over the Church of Easton. The pastoral relation between Rev. S. W. Roe and the Church of Lebanon has been dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Greene; and between Rev. William Bailey and the Church of White House. Rev. F. F. Wilson has been dismissed to the the Classis of Ulster, and Rev. George H. Cleveland to the Presbytery of Monmouth. Rev. William Pitcher died at Greenwich, Washington county, N. Y., April 5, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood..	A. B. Taylor.....	32	....	....	2	....	....	30	2	....	....	.....	1	60	$100 54	$500 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack.....	Theo. B. Romeyn.....	150	4	4	8	....	3	268	9	1	.....	200	1	200	1,500 00	4,000 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh.....	George Seibert.	100	3	2	....	....	4	191	6	....	.....	100	2	175	397 44	2,513 21	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
New Durham..	Wm. H. Scudder.....	84	7	7	1	....	2	155	5	2	.....		2	300	437 75	1,839 74	Weehawken, N. J.
Park Ref. Jersey City...	J. Howard Suydam.....	193	14	10	13	....	5	287	4	3	....	200	1	450	665 81	6,980 79	Jersey City, N. J.
First Hoboken	Isaac E. House	51	9	5	2	....	2	78	10	1	.....	7	1	210	....	1,466 08	Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen.....	John Justin.....	57	10	....	4	....	3	78	9	....	....	20	1	260	.....	1,114 36	Weehawken, N. J.
Second Hackensack....	Vacant.....	90	2	2	3	....	2	168	2	....	.....	....	1	110	115 00	2,445 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Third Hackensack	Louis Gonbel.....	68	15	1	1	1	4	104	44	1	.....	14	1	130	74 75	700 00	Hackensack, N. J.
German Ev'g, Hoboken.	Leopold Mohn.....	....	74	2	6	....	3	547	235	....	.....	75	1	750	392 68	4,482 46	Hoboken, N. J.
Closter City	P.V.Van Buskirk, (s. c.).	80	3	3	2	....	4	110	1	1	.....	90	1	135	47 00	1,400 00	Closter, N. J.
Palisades	F. M. Bogardus.....	65	5	3	2	....	4	....	6	1	....	25	2	100	60 00	1,075 24	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenburg.....	Alex. Shaw, S. S.....	40	3	3	2	....	....	50	5	5	.....	100	1	100	33 69	527 69	Guttenberg, N. J.
Central Ave.. J. City....	Chas. S. Wright..... ..	135	1	....	....	....	1	129	....	....	.....	.....	1	200	....	.....	Jersey City, N. J.
Secaucus	Vacant.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	
Cherry Hill.....	James E. Graham... ...	38	2	....	....	....	....	66	....	....	.. ..	.....	1	60	43 78	900 00	Cherry Hill; N. J.
Spring Valley.....	James E. Graham.....	27	....	20	....	....	....	20	....	....	.....	.....	1	43	4 35	241 83	
	Total....	1210	152	62	44	1	37	2281	338	15	.....	831	19	3283	$3,872 79	$30,186 40	

Other Ministers.—Wm. R. Gordon, Manhasset, L. I., Charles Parker, 203 South Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Wm. C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland Co., Va., Jas. H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	210	15	9	7	...	9	299	12	4	225	200	2	400	$1,241 59	$6,884 96	509 Bergen Ave. Jersey City
First Jersey City	Wm. Westerfield, S. S.	100	1	....	2	...	1	160	6	....	30	84	1	137	730 16	3,309 73	116 Mercer St. Jersey City.
First Bayonne	Wm. W. Knox	76	4	8	9	..	3	218	10	1	.....	.....	2	353	244 66	2,987 82	Bayonne, N. J.
Sec'd Jersey City [First Van Vorst]	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	4	....	11	...	4	212	7	....	90	120	1	143	1,053 42	4,286 73	288 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	Henry W. F. Jones	130	1	4	11	1	2	192	8	1	90	115	1	165	1,275 00	4,150 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second Hudson City	C. Doeppenschmidt, P. E	70	27	1	...	...	7	200	81	....	.....	23	1	400	149 15	1,307 30	5 Cambridge Ave., Jersey City
Lafayette	Wm. R. Duryee. (s. c.)	92	3	8	5	...	3	188	16	....	125	150	1	200	620 00	4,046 00	233 Pacific Ave. " "
Greenville	P. T. Pockman	68	2	19	4	1	1	128	3	....	50	40	1	190	193 36	1,962 18	Greenville,
Free Jersey City	Henry Mattice	90	6	3	5	5	1	95	20	1	110	40	1	115	117 12	2,348 50	251 Fourth St.. " "
Third Bayonne	Carl F. A. Klein, S. S.	30	10	....	5	...	1	64	13	1	80	7	1	55	.....	600 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
South Bergen	Vacant	57	.....	.....	5	...	...	87	...	....	100	102	1	181	42 41	1,203 76	
First Ger. Evan. J. C.	Vacant	50	45	3	...	...	...	48	...	....	.....	.....	2	225	.....	.....	
	Total	1093	118	55	64	7	32	1891	176	8	900	881	15	2564	$5,666 87	$33,086 98	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Prof. in Theological School, Tokio, Japan. Rev. Alex. H. Young, Greenville, N. J. *In transitu*, Rev. Wm. L Eiterich, Alleghany City, Penn., pastor German Evangelical Church.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Freehold	Theo. W. Wells (s. c.)	100	6	5	5	...	8	199	2	4	97	80	2	155	$162 87	$3,212 45	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N.J.
Holmdel	William Reiley	90	4	1	3	1	2	183	5	2	92	.....	1	100	284 03	1,366 31	Holmdel, " " "
Spotswood	Cyril Spaulding*	†40	....	....	....	....	....	67	....	....	30	60	3	120	.....	.....	Spotswood, Middlesex " "
Middletown	Charles D. Buck	43	4	....	2	....	....	82	....	3	25	.....	1	50	113 06	1,005 00	Middletown, Mnm'th " "
Second Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	101	2	5	5	...	2	214	3	1	83	75	1	150	811 28	2,387 75	Freehold, " " "
First Long Branch	Charles J. Young	‡114	8	5	8	1	4	‡220	6	6	105	30	2	250	153 75	4,431 40	Long Branch, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	53	4	2	2	...	2	98	....	2	28	13	1	130	112 35	1,047 50	Keyport, " " "
Colt's Neck	George W. Labaw	‡110	6	7	8	...	1	‡188	7	5	10	76	2	165	171 01	1,048 53	Colt's Neck, " " "
Highlands	Abraham W. Allen	40	....	1	....	....	1	32	2	....	18	.....	1	83	5 00	19 00	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	William H. Ballagh	71	4	12	4	1	...	72	....	1	33	101	1	101	157 07	$424 14	Asbury Park, " " "
Second Long Branch	Wm H. Phraner, S. S.	36	3	2	3	...	1	62	....	...	19	.....	1	55	47 49	1,232 19	E. Long Br'ch, " " "
	Total	798	41	40	40	3	21	1417	25	24	635	435	16	1359	$2,017 91	$16,174 57	

* Pastor Elect. † Last year's Report. ‡ Revised List. § Exclusive of Pastor's Support.

Other Ministers—Rev. Garret C. Schenck, Marlborough, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Ransford Wells, Marlborough, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J., Sup't Public Instruction.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. C. & S. S. Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First New Brunswick..	Thos. C. Easton.....	360	124	23	5	...	1[illegible]	720	1[illegible]	5[illegible]	325	136	1	475	$1,767 26	$4,986 11	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run.....	Wm. R. Taylor.....	145	15	9	1[illegible]	...	[illegible]	315	4	4	150	58	[illegible]	209	1,246 98	1,460 00	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough.....	Edward T. Corwin (s. c.)	155	5	11	14	...	4	274	5	2	200	100	7	200	430 00	1,200 00	Millstone, "
Middlebush.....	James Le Fevre.....	90	10	12	12	...	...	190	4	1	110	117	1	196	314 25	1,700 00	Middlebush, "
Griggstown...	John G. Gebhard.....	51	3	4	8	...	4	140	3	...	40	>2	2	82	150 77	801 67	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	Mancius H. Hutton....	184	12	9	10	...	2	402	21	1	164	184	2	274	2,186 80	5,151 67	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook.....	David M. Talmage.....	70	2	4	...	...	3	170	2	....	27	149	1	140	54 80	1,095 70	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick.	Chas. Meyer, S. S.....	7	....	...	6	...	3	20	2	...	...	....	...	.....	27 40	260 00	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone.....	Alex. McWilliam.....	70	10	9	15	...	4	250	3	3	30	40	1	70	150 00	1,400 60	East Millstone, "
Metuchen.....	James Cruikshanks....	70	7	1	1	...	3	148	1	3	.....	.....	2	162	43 09	2,484 67	Metuchen, "
	Total.....	1192	188	92	85	..	45	2466	63	69	1076	890	24	1869	$6,571 35	$20,489 82	

Other Ministers—Wm. H. Campbell, Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, all Profs. in Rutgers; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; P. J. Quick, Librarian of Sage Library; addresses of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; John L. See, Sec'y Board of Education, 34 Vesey street, New York city; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone; Eugene S. Booth and Kumage Kimura, Japan; Isiay Walden, Lassater Mills, N. C.; John H. Bergen, Columbus, Ga.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Edward Lord, Danby, N. Y.

Candidates—De Witt T. Riley, Professor in Rutgers College, and Alex. G. Van Aken, both of New Brunswick, N. J.; Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Belleville	Ralph W. Brokaw	120	9	10	4	1	2	150	5	2	...	175	1	225	$355 15	$2,109 78	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First of Newark	William H. Gleason	170	51	24	8	...	6	368	11	17	.....	200	2	500	1,826 45	5,196 90	Newark, " "
Irvington	Henry Vehslage (s. c.)	100	4	7	3	...	1	167	3	1	.....	60	1	180	.....	1,880 00	Irvington, " "
Second of Newark	John A. Davis*	80	6	6	8	...	4	160	11	3	.....	100	1	200	217 78	2,143 83	Newark, " "
Franklin	Supplied	50	5	....	2	...	2	104	....	2	.....	151	1	119	.....	.....	
North of Newark	David Waters	230	19	15	8	...	7	445	17	6	.....	553	2	770	12,720 40	7,917 71	" " "
West Newark	Carl Girtanner	75	1	....	....	....	3	200	60	....	.....	97	1	160	67 00	2,516 31	" " "
Clinton Ave., Newark	Wm. J. R. Taylor	180	31	29	14	...	2	353	6	9	.....	400	2	818	1,526 95	7,150 05	" " "
East of Newark	Theodore Shafer	40	1	....	2	...	1	52	9	....	.....	75	1	280	7 49	946 75	" " "
Linden	Supplied	36	1	4	1	...	..	53	2	1	.....	....	1	75	.....	.....	
Woodside	Supplied	50	3	17	2	...	2	186	....	...	.....	....	1	188	250 00	2,272 00	" " "
Stone House Plains	Jacob O. Van Fleet	60	1	1	2	...	2	110	....	....	.....	....	1	90	55 00	940 00	Brookdale, " "
Orange	George S. Bishop	170	25	8	6	...	7	347	12	....	.....	182	1	345	1,771 19	†2,804 25	East Orange, " "
Trinity, Plainfield	Andrew V. V. Raymond	148	18	38	7	...	2	223	8	4	.....	65	1	200	1,332 68	5,396 30	Plainfield, Union Co., "
	Total	1503	175	159	67	1	41	2818	144	46	.....	1988	17	3970	$20,160 09	$41,273 88	

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Other Ministers—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J.; Louis H. Bahler, Flemington, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	160	8	2	10	...	3	*314	22	1	265	150	1	285	$1,405 51	$3,850 00	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	Nat. H. Van Arsdale	100	1	3	12	...	5	169	1	...	144	150	1	150	576 45	2,971 31	Paterson, N. J.
Centerville	Alexander McKelvey	...	18	18	...	...	...	36	3	5	3	149	1	149	.....	.....	Athenia, Passaic Co., N. J.
Clarkstown	Vacant	‡86	4	....	5	...	2	120	5	1	122	10	1	90	259 15	4,390 02	Mont Moor, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	95	6	9	6	1	4	157	18	1	182	44	1	78	140 69	851 77	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	50	2	2	1	...	2	53	4	...	199	.....	1	37	9 68	348 27	Lodi, N. J.
Holland, Passaic	William Wormser	110	8	13	2	...	2	149	26	...	364	65	1	190	78 70	1,043 30	Passaic, N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke	Vacant	99	34	25	3	...	2	221	31	1	303	70	1	95	111 90	3,037 71	Wortendyke, N. J.
Second Lodi	Robert M. Offord	23	4	....	3	...	...	*59	4	1	27	40	1	61	50 00	1,200 00	Lodi, N. J.
North Passaic	Asher Anderson	85	4	17	8	...	3	146	10	2	103	170	1	323	636 93	4,145 00	Passaic, N. J.
Nyack	Wm. H. Clark, (s. c.)	171	16	14	9	...	11	*339	...	5	150	310	1	310	1,153 75	7,430 00	Nyack, N. Y
Paramus	John C. Van Deventer	109	8	6	5	...	2	199	7	3	130	90	1	90	347 34	1,744 64	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	*86	10	2	3	...	7	*127	7	...	107	100	1	100	59 75	1,472 04	Park Ridge, N. J.
Piermont	William C. Stitt	50	4	6	9	...	2	104	4	...	.....	90	1	90	403 08	1,971 00	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	43	12	3	...	...	...	*46	10	3	.....	.....	1	50	15 00	500 00	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseye	William W. Letson	22	2	3	...	...	...	38	4	...	.....	46	1	45	2 50	400 00	Ramseys, N. J.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	52	5	4	...	2	1	85	3	2	45	30	1	110	23 00	1,041 00	Ridgewood, N. J.
Saddle River	William E. Bogardus	55	...	...	...	...	1	93	...	..	75	.....	1	60	36 00	1,312 05	Monsey, N. Y.
Second Totowa	Peter H. Milliken	137	19	11	4	2	13	*262	24	5	149	172	1	292	558 15	2,657 88	Paterson, N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Crispell	90	....	6	1	...	2	112	10	..	59	40	1	163	125 72	2,059 15	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	Vacant	‡ 00	...	...	...	...	...	‡145	....	...	‡200	‡100	13	‡200	95 89	1,241 00	Tappantown, "
Warwick	Vernon B. Carroll	100	3	4	5	...	5	139	....	1	60	60	1	80	381 29	2,188 68	Warwick "
West New Hempstead	Vacant	37	...	...	...	...	3	68	2	...	25	.....	1	50	38 64	468 25	Monsey, "
	Total	1860	168	148	86	5	70	3180	195	31	*885	2710	25	3098	$6,509 12	$46,323 07	

Other Ministers.—John H. Duryea, Pastor *Emeritus*, Second Church of Totowa, Paterson, N. J. Wm. Hazenberg; in Africa.

*Revised List. ‡Last year's Report.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boardville	Vacant*	15	....	....	....	....	1	10	....	....	.....	35	1	40	.....	$60 00	
Boonton	Vacant‡	59	....	....	....	....	....	98	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Boonton, Morris Co. N. J.
Fairfield	James H. Owens	75	1	3	7	1	4	180	....	....	50	100	1	100	$160 00	1,000 00	Fairfield, Essex " "
Franklin Furnace	Jonah Vaughn	60	3	1	....	....	....	25	3	1	33	....	1	150	42 00	863 00	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co.
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	63	9	4	2	....	1	129	25	4	....	30	1	110	41 55	1,456 41	Little Falls, Passaic Co. N. J.
Montville	James Kemlo	86	24	2	....	....	5	151	5	9	50	102	1	126	188 08	1,174 40	Boonton, Morris Co. "
Sixth Paterson	H. R. Koopman	298	12	21	3	1	12	369	42	....	886	196	1	290	393 00	2,565 00	Paterson, Passaic Co. "
Pompton Plains	J. Henry Whitehead	125	10	2	2	....	3	301	5	4	.....	.....	5	270	576 70	3,110 00	Pompton Plains, Morris Co. "
Pompton	Vacant	59	1	....	3	1	6	146	5	....	50	30	2	150	206 74	700 00	Pompton, Passaic Co. "
Ponds	Albert A. King	80	6	1	2	....	....	73	4	2	....	.....	2	95	51 00	914 70	Oakland, Bergen Co. "
Preakness	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	57	2	1	1	....	1	103	....	....	49	.....	2	110	101 23	1,477 09	Paterson, Passaic Co. "
First Totowa	Julius L. Danner	110	14	19	7	....	6	225	4	3	500	75	1	310	466 75	3,392 55	" " " "
Union Reformed	H. E Nies	163	13	13	1	1	4	272	34	....	550	95	1	275	169 04	1,850 42	" " " "
Wyckoff	Sam'l T. Searle, S. C.	90	....	....	1	....	3	116	7	....	120	30	1	70	100 00	1,170 00	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
		1340	95	67	29	4	46	2208	134	23	2288	693	20	2096	$2,496 00	$19 733 57	

*The Church of Boardville after the adoption of this report was dissolved. ‡ Last year's Report.

Other Ministers—Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, County Supt. of Schools, Little Falls, N. J. Rev. A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J. Rev. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Ave., Newark, N. J. Rev. James E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Isaac S. Demund, *Emeritus*, Wortendyke, N. J. Rev. John N. Jansen, Pompton, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Harlingen	John S. Gardner	150	4	10	21	...	4	290	10	...	80	.....	3	200	$204 66	$1,859 37	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	166	7	9	6	...	4	276	10	2	100	50	2	236	332 86	1,750 00	Neshanic, N. J.
First Philadelphia	Thomas X. Orr	80	4	6	8	...	8	200	3	3	.....	.....	1	250	913 04	5,842 22	517 Brown st., Philadelphia.
Blawenburg	Wm. B Voorhees, (s. c.)	107	5	5	8	...	1	252	2	2	.....	20	1	150	400 00	2,025 00	Blawenburg, N. J.
Addisville	Isaac Collier	85	2	1	1	...	3	166	3	1	66	.....	4	150	84 06	1,300 00	Richboro, Pa.
Rocky Hill*	Vacant	66	3	2	7	...	3	147	2	2	.....	71	1	100	156 82	949 24	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	155	6	...	...	...	6	214	42	...	.....	25	1	300	277 15	2,028 53	622 Otis st., Philadelphia.
Clover Hill	J. N Oliver	75	1	1	2	...	4	185	5	1	.....	.....	1	75	106 00	964 33	Clover Hill, N. J
Three Bridges	Edward Birdsall	74	3	2	4	...	...	88	2	1	.....	.....	1	135	29 32	544 15	Three Bridges, N. J.
Second Philadelphia	Nathaniel I. Rubinsam	200	30	13	2	...	8	503	11	7	.....	.....	2	629	1 947 94	5,675 67	718 7th st., Philadelphia.
Stanton	Charles W. Pitcher	85	....	9	...	...	4	161	3	...	.....	.....	1	100	40 22	1,223 28	Stanton, N. J.
Third Philadelphia	Vacant	40	1	....	5	...	3	81	...	...	15	60	1	80	427 86	1,426 33	
Fourth Philadelphia	Cornelius Schenck	105	17	4	1	...	2	255	9	5	.....	100	1	393	340 79	3,353 75	Manayunk, Pa.
N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	120	13	1	10	...	4	250	17	9	144	150	4	310	515 85	1,631 87	Churchville, Pa.
	Total	1508	96	63	75	...	54	2068	119	33	405	476	24	3,108	$6,776 67	$30,569 44	

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest, 1634 Walnut st., Philadelphia; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna st., Philadelphia; A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

*Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Raritan	J. Preston Searle	200	11	29	12	...	7	488	5	2	...	70	1	250	$970 62	$4,139 29	Somerville, Somerset Co. N. J.
Readington	John H. Smock	200	4	10	13	...	1	392	6	....	...	.....	4	400	420 10	2,336 69	Readington, Hunterdon Co. "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	105	12	13	1	...	3	255	8	4	90	.....	2	175	649 03	1,382 86	Bedminster, Somerset " "
Lebanon	Vacant	204	4	2	4	...	8	329	5	2	134	.....	2	183	273 00	1,191 15	Lebanon, Hunterdon " "
Rockaway	Vacant	95	1	1	13	...	3	198	13	....	85	...	4	200	117 43	1,200 00	White House " " "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	127	9	6	6	...	8	203	13	2	.....	.....	1	90	296 25	2,187 66	North Branch, Somerset " "
Second Raritan	Edward G. Read	200	13	16	29	...	14	485	6	3	.....	100	1	276	823 04	4,039 36	Somerville " " "
Peapack	Vacant	*120	8	2	1	...	3	205	7	9	148	.....	1	125	100 00	1,298 41	Peapack " " "
Branchville	William E. Davis	122	7	12	9	...	7	281	6	4	.....	.....	1	180	257 21	1,497 82	South Branch " " "
Third Raritan	Charles H. Pool	110	10	20	12	...	5	310	10	1	130	230	1	260	626 21	1,920 45	Raritan " " "
Easton	Geo. M. S. Blauvelt	70	2	2	...	...	1	139	2	....	.....	.....	...	.....	164 00	2,496 00	Easton, Northampton " Pa.
Plainfield, (German)	Vacant	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Plainfield, Union Co. N. J.
Pottersville	William H. Hoffman	70	2	....	1	...	...	113	....	....	.....	.....	...	.....	25 39	739 35	Pottersville, Hun'd'n Co. "
High Bridge	Artemas Dean	74	3	5	4	2	3	97	1	....	.....	135	1	.....	122 75	1,175 00	High Bridge " " "
Clinton Station	Wm. H. Williamson	85	12	12	3	...	4	152	2	4	.....	.....	1	105	83 10	1,082 67	Annandale " " "
Fourth Raritan, (Ger.)	Frederick E. Schleider	30	11	....	...	...	1	40	4	....	.....	.....	1	35	.....	299 36	Somerville, Somerset " "
	Total	1812	109	130	108	2	68	3687	88	31	587	535	21	2279	$4,928 13	$26,986 07	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreuesler, Plainfield, Union Co., N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Rev. J. F. Mesick, s. c. Blawenburgh, N. J. Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J. Rev. C. H. Edgar, Easton, Pa. Rev. Wm. Bailey, Cedar Hill, Albany Co., N. Y.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED.			No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
					On Confession.	On Certificate.					Infants.	Adults.	*Total Baptized Non-Communicants.		No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious & Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Classis of Bergen	17	18	..	1210	152	62	44	1	37	2281	338	15	.....	831	19	3283	$3,872 79	$30,186 40	Peter V. Van Buskirk.
South Classis of Bergen	12	13	..	1093	118	55	64	7	32	1891	176	8	900	881	15	2564	5,666 87	33,086 98	Wm. R. Duryee
Classis of Monmouth	11	14	..	798	41	40	40	3	21	1417	25	24	635	435	16	1359	2,017 91	16,174 57	Theodore W. Wells.
Classis of Newark	14	16	..	1503	175	159	67	1	41	2818	144	46	.....	1988	17	3970	20,160 09	41,273 88	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	2?	3	1192	188	92	85	....	45	2466	63	69	1076	890	24	1869	6,371 35	20,489 82	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	20	..	1860	168	148	86	5	70	3180	195	31	1885	2710	25	3098	6 509 12	46,323 07	Wm. H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic	13	17	..	1340	95	67	29	4	46	2?08	134	23	2288	698	20	2096	2,496 09	19,733 57	Samuel T. Searle.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	16	..	1508	96	63	75		54	3068	119	33	405	476	24	3108	6 776 67	30,569 44	Wm. B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	16	21	..	1812	109	130	108	2	68	3687	88	31	587	535	21	2279	4,925 13	26,986 07	John F. Mesick.
Total	130	158	3	12316	1142	816	598	23	414	23016	12-2	280	7776	9439	181	23 26	$58,799 02	$264,823 80	

*Sixty-three Churches send no report of Baptized non-Communicants.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully submit the following report: The minutes of all the Classes were presented and examined and found in order, but in the Classis of Monmouth the statistics for the year (see page 161) were omitted.

As to the Constitutional questions, the following is the table:

QUESTION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bergen.....		5 noes	3 noes	1 no		1 no	9 noes
South Bergen.....							6 noes
Monmouth.....		5 noes					4 noes
Newark.....		7 noes	3 noes		1 no		10 noes
NewBrunswick..							1 no
Paramus.....	1 no	9 noes			1 no	2 noes	16 noes
Passaic.....		6 noes	1 no	1 no		1 no	all no
Philadelphia.....			3 noes			2 noes	11 noes
Raritan.....							10 noes

Those who reported "in part," or "substantially" we have recorded in the negative.

JOHN S. GARDNER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business would respectfully report that there have been placed in our hands the following papers:

1. An appeal by Mr. D. S. Jones from a decision of the Classis of Philadelphia, at a meeting held April 17, 1883.

2. An appeal by the Third Church of Philadelphia from a decision of the Classis of Philadelphia, at a meeting held May 9, 1882.

In regard to the first case, we find that the papers are in order (excepting that the appeal has no date, and fails to intimate where the meeting was held at which the action complained of was taken). In view of the fact that the matters involved

are relative to trust funds, and to the personal integrity of a trustee, we recommend that the appeal be entertained according to the Rules of Order prescribed by the Constitution of our Church, and that the documents in the case be read in the following order:

1. Treasurer's Statement of 1882.
2. Treasurer's Report of 1882.
3. Memorial of the Board of Trustees of the Third Church of Philadelphia.
4. (For reference and information) the Constitution and By-Laws of the Third Church of Philadelphia and Resolutions relative to the Board of Trustees and D. S. Jones, by the congregation of the Third Church of Philadelphia, September 23, 1882.

In regard to the second case, we find the papers in order except that the appeal is a printed paper. We also find that the Minutes of the Classis do *not* show that the papers were read in the hearing of Classis either before or after their reference, or that the Committee gave a summary of their contents; but we would recommend that the appeal be entertained, and that the documents be read in the following order:

1. The complaint of the First Church of Philadelphia against the Third Church, which was the ground of the action appealed from.
2. The Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia, of a meeting held May 9, 1882, pp. 514-528. Reference is made to these instead of an unattested transcript which was placed in our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY VEHSLAGE, *Chairman.*

The President of Synod announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business, and enjoined upon the members to regard their characters as judges in a Court of Jesus Christ.

The Synod then took up the appeal of Daniel S. Jones, and proceeded in the order prescribed in the Constitution, as follows:

1. The action of the Classis of Philadelphia, from which Daniel S. Jones appealed, was read.
2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

3. All the papers in the case were read. By a special motio of the Synod the Consistorial Records of the Third Reforme Church of Philadelphia were admitted as evidence.

4. The original parties were heard, beginning with the appel lant, Daniel S. Jones.

5. The Commissioners of the Classis of Philadelphia, Rev C. F. C. Suckow, Rev. Isaac Collier and Rev. Abram R. Va Nest, were heard.

6. The appellant, through associate counsel Rev. Thomas X Orr, was heard in reply.

After further light was obtained through questions asked b members of Synod, and the parties in the case had withdrawn the roll of Synod was called, and each member of Synod re maining was given an opportunity to express his opinion in th case. After this the final vote was taken upon the followin resolution as the decision of the Synod in the case, which wa adopted by a vote of 22 in the affirmative and 7 in the nega tive:

Resolved, That the cause be remitted to the Classis of Phila delphia, with instructions to remove the papers in questio from the table for a reconsideration of the case.

The Synod appointed a committee, consisting of Revs. Theo. W. Wells and Wm. W. Knox, and Elder Samuel O. Crane, to formulate reasons for the above decision. The Committee's report is as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The appeal is sustained,

1. Because every member of the Church, considering himse aggrieved by the action of a Consistory, has the right of appe or complaint to Classis. (Art. 14, Secs. 1 and 2 of Constit tion.)

2. Because, when appeal or complaint is regularly brou before Classis, it is the duty of the Classis to decide the sa according to the established Rules of Order. (See Rule of C der 23, Sec. 2.)

3. Because, in laying the complaint of the appellant on t table, in direct opposition to the recommendation of their o Committee on Judicial Business to whom the papers in t case were referred, the Classis assigns no reason for such su mary action.

The appeal of the Third Church of Philadelphia from t action of the Classis in the matter of the location of the Thi

Church was next taken up. Synod proceeded in the Constitutional order, as follows:

1. The action of the Classis of Philadelphia, from which the Third Church appeals, was read.

2. The appeal of the Third Church was read.

3. The papers in the case were read.

4. The appellant (the Third Church) was heard through counsel, Elder George F. Gordon.

5. The Classis of Philadelphia was heard through counsel, Rev. Wm. B. Voorhees, Rev. M. N. Oliver and Rev. Thos. X. Orr.

6. The appellant, through counsel, was heard in reply.

After all necessary information had been obtained, and the parties in the case had withdrawn, the roll of Synod was called and the members given an opportunity to express an opinion in the case. The following preamble and resolution was offered as the decision of the Synod, upon which the final vote was taken, and which was affirmed unanimously:

WHEREAS, In the judgment of Synod the action of the Classis of Philadelphia appealed from cannot, either from the use of the word "advise," or from the authority guaranteed to Classis by the Constitution (Art. 7, Sec. 2), be interpreted as being anything other than *advisory*, of only moral weight and not of ecclesiastical authority, therefore

Resolved, That the appeal be returned to the Consistory of the Third Reformed Church as being taken without ground.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following was ordered to be sent as an overture to the General Synod:

WHEREAS, The General Synod has found the entertainment of its delegates a subject of anxiety and a burden to the churches where the Synod holds its sessions, and as a measure of relief has made an assessment on the churches of two cents per member; and

WHEREAS, The amount thus received, even if the full assess-

ment is collected, is inadequate for the entertainment of the present number of delegates; and

WHEREAS, A majority of the Classes, as enjoined by the Synod, pay the traveling expenses of their delegates to and from the place of meeting, and are thus under considerable expense for the maintenance of the General Synod; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully overture the General Synod to take into consideration the desirableness of altering and amending the Constitution and Rules of the Church in reference to the Classical delegation to General Synod in such a manner that, after the change has been perfected, each Classis shall be entitled to a delegation consisting of at least one Minister and one Elder; Classes containing ten churches and less than twenty shall be entitled to a delegation consisting of two Ministers and two Elders; Classes containing twenty churches and less than thirty shall be entitled to a delegation consisting of three Ministers and three Elders. The number of delegates from Classes containing more than twenty churches shall be at the rate of one Minister and one Elder for every ten additional churches.

Resolved, That if the plan, herewith suggested, for reducing the number of delegates to the General Synod does not meet with the Synod's approbation, we most respectfully overture the Synod to devise some other plan to secure a decrease in the present number of delegates.

The following was offered by Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, and passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, The goodness of God especially manifest during these latter years, in the revival of the interests of the Reformed Dutch Church and the quickening of her ancient spirit within her, calls for, and makes most appropriate, some new expression of her principles, and of her love and loyalty to Christ; and

WHEREAS, The crowning and peculiar glory of the Reformed Dutch Church, among other sister and evangelical denominations, is the purity of her Scriptural Constitution and her freedom from secularism; therefore

Resolved, That this Particular Synod heartily reaffirms that Scriptural and distinguishing feature of our beloved Church her absence from secularism.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its approval of and sympathy with those churches in our communion which, by all legitimate and honorable methods, and in the name and spirit of Christ, are seeking or may seek to free themselves from what has proved to be an undesirable innovation, and, by the banishment of the secular, to recover for themselves the unimpeded jurisdiction of a Scriptural Consistory, and purely spiritual rule by spiritual men.



ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to represent the Reformed Church in New Jersey and co-operate with other Christian denominations in the State in Temperance work reported as follows:

Your Committee, in making a report, mention at the outset, with deep sadness, the sudden and distressing death (by being struck with a railroad train at a crossing) of one of its members, Hon. Peter A. Voorhees, which occurred in March last. He was deeply interested and active in the work of the Committee. He now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

The denominational committees for co-operation in Temperance work have held two joint conferences during the year, one at Newark, Dec. 5th and 6th, 1882, and one at Jersey City, March 19th, 1883. The Joint Committee consisted of seventeen members, three from each of the two Conferences of the M E. Church, three from the Presbyterian Church, five from the Baptist Church, and three from the Reformed Church. At the first meeting, fourteen of the seventeen members were present; at the second, twelve. At the conference in March it was considered wise to prepare and present to the churches which appointed the committees a *joint* report apart from any report which each individual committee might make. The following was therefore adopted unanimously, and records all the important action of the Joint Committee during the year:

To the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Reformed Denominations in the State of New Jersey:

The appointment of a joint Committee on Temperance by four of the largest Christian denominations in New Jersey, at their last annual meeting, was a new departure. The denominations thus represented are the Baptist, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and Reformed, and comprise about 175,000 church members. The several committees appointed by them came together in joint meeting for the first time in Newark on

the 5th and 6th days of December last, and had earnest conferences in reference to the work appointed them to do.

Representing different ecclesiastical bodies and perhaps differing in regard to what is wisest to be done, yet appointed to take temperance action of some kind, while yet uninstructed as to what we should do, the committee did not lay out any general plans.

There was at that time, and still is, before the public mind, the great and radical measure known as the constitutional amendment, a measure which contemplates the giving to the people of the State the right to forbid by constitutional enactment the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. After careful consideration the joint committee agreed to give their influence to this effort, and recommended to the churches which they represent to ask the legislature for the passage of an act giving to the people of the State the opportunity to vote for or against such a constitutional provision.

In addition to this the joint committee signed and sent to the legislature a memorial asking for the appointment of a commission of inquiry as to the statistics of the liquor traffic in New Jersey, in its criminal and moral aspects, in connection with taxation, revenue, pauperism, crime and vice, and its bearing upon public virtue, health and general welfare.

These petitions and memorials have been presented to the legislature. The former has been passed by the Senate and rejected by the Assembly; the latter has not been acted upon and probably will not be this session.

Your committee indulge the hope that this is but the beginning of concerted efforts between great Christian denominations for the overthrow of the liquor traffic. Of the vast extent and infinite disasters of the traffic and of intemperance itself, we need not speak. The more than six thousand licensed saloons in New Jersey, besides the many unlicensed, the more than twenty millions of dollars directly spent for intoxicating drink, the more than twenty thousand drunkards—these facts contain unspeakable suggestions in themselves. They indicate to the church of Christ great lessons of duty to the souls committed to its care, and to the kingdom of the Lord, of which this traffic and this vice are almost its greatest and most active enemies. In the State of New Jersey there are more than thirteen hundred Ministers of the Gospel and more than two hun-



dred thousand members of Protestant churches. Surely if the strength of these numbers could be organized for this work there would be no power able to make a successful resistance.

Your committee refrain from argument or suggestion further than to recommend the appointment by each co-operating body of a committee of five, to form together a joint committee on Temperance, with power to act in such directions as may seem best to the mature judgment of such joint committee.

In view of the above recommendation of the joint committee, your committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a committee of five to co-operate with similar committees from other religious denominations in Temperance work during the coming year.

CHAS. H. POOL, *Chairman.*

The above report was adopted, and the following committee appointed agreeably to the closing resolution: Rev. Charles H. Pool, Rev. Cornelius Brett, Rev. Edward T. Corwin, D.D., Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D., Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw.

Rev. A. E. Ballard, Vice President of the New Jersey Temperance Alliance, made a brief statement to the Synod, encouraging the union of denominational effort in Temperance work.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

No report was received from the Committee on Church Visitation.

The following Committee on Church Visitation was reported by the Committee on Nominations and appointed for the coming year: Revs. J. H. Suydam, Cornelius Brett, I. P. Brokaw, J. O. Van Fleet, Wm. C. Stitt, Jas. Kemlo. *Elders*, J. D. Demarest, P. C. VanDerveer, Peter Schomp.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

No report was received from the Committee on Church Extension.

The following is the Committee nominated and appointed for the ensuing year: Revs. M. H. Hutton, J. F. Mesick, Samuel Streng, Benj. V. D. Wyckoff, Asher Anderson, Wm. R. Duryee. *Elders*, J. T. Hearing, Jas. Traphagen, Jacob Wyckoff.

ARTICLE XVIII.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D. D., appeared as delegate from the Board of Foreign Missions, and represented the interests of that Board to the Synod. The Rev. William W. Knox made a statement in behalf of the work of the Board of Domestic Missions.

On motion the President appointed a special committee consisting of Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, Rev. Wm. Westerfield and Elder Isaac I. VanDerbeck to report to the Synod some action which may stimulate the churches in Foreign and Home Mission work. The following is the report of the above committee:

WHEREAS, The Synod having heard with pleasure Commissioners representing the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions;

Resolved, That the Synod congratulate the Boards on the success of the past year; that they commend the churches for their increased liberality to the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and that they recommend that the Classes within our bounds, in order to assure intelligent and complete organization

of the resources within our reach, appoint a special committee to co-operate with these Boards.

GEO. S. BISHOP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor's Report was received, read and referred to the Committee on the Questorate, and is as follows:

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*, in account with
PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

DR.

To cash received from	Johnson Letson.....	$202	49		
" " "	South Classis of Bergen,	25	00		
" " "	Classis of Paramus....	40	00		
" " " "	Raritan.....	37	00		
" " " "	New Bruns'k,	20	00		
" " " "	Newark. ...	26	00		
" " " "	Passaic.....	30	00		
" " " "	Philadelphia,	36	00		
" " " "	Bergen	24	00		
					$440 49

CR.

By cash paid	Unionist-Gazette Association,	$95	50	
" "	Rev. Charles H. Pool, Stated Clerk..	58	20	
				$153 70

Balance, April 30, 1883.....	$286 79
Due from Classis of Monmouth.....	$16 00

The following report of the Committee on the Questorate was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee would report that they have examined the accounts of the Questor, with vouchers, and found them correct. At the beginning of the year there was on hand $202.49. The following amount has been collected from the various Classes: $238.00. The Classis of Monmouth, however, has not paid its assessment. For printing and expenses of Stated Clerk there have been paid $153.70. The balance on hand is $286 79. As there is a large balance on hand, it is considered advisable to

recommend that the Classes be assessed only one-half the usual amount for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WESTERFIELD, JR., *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 8:30 o'clock, A. M., 3 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., as the hours of assembling, and 12:30 and 5:30 P. M., as the hours of adjournment.

The first hour after the opening of Synod, and the first half hour of each morning session were occupied with devotional exercises.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on the afternoon of the second day. The President, Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, presided and read the Form. Rev. John S. Gardner distributed the bread, and Rev. William W. Knox gave the cup, assisted by Elders Jas. A. Williamson, John Wortman, Peter Hoagland and Samuel O. Crane.

On motion the Synod ordered Article xviii of the Rules of Order, on "Education," to be amended so as to read "Benevolent Boards."

Wednesday evening, by appointment, Rev. Asher Anderson addressed the Synod on "Biblical Theology in its Technical Sense."

The subject of the special discourse for next year is "The Necessity of a More Faithful Presentation of the Catechetical Doctrines of the Reformed Church." To give the discourse, Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, *primarius;* Rev. William J. R. Taylor, *secundus.*

Synod ordered 450 copies of the Minutes to be printed.

The Sexton's bill of $7.50 was ordered to be paid.

At its close the Synod took the following action:

WHEREAS, The Synod having learned of the severe illness of Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D., pastor of the church in which we meet;

Resolved. That we hereby express our profound sympathy with him in his sufferings, our sorrow at his inability to be present at the session of the Synod, and the assurance of our earnest prayers to God for his speedy recovery to health.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be directed to call on

Doctor Easton, and, if his physical condition permit, personally express to him the sense of Synod above expressed.

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick hereby expresses its sense of gratitude to the First Church of New Brunswick for the kindness and courtesy extended in the entertainment of Synod; also to the choir, and all others who have made its stay so pleasant.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following which had been nominated by the Classes were confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	William R. Gordon, D.D.,	Elder	Leopold Hague,
"	Leopold Mohn,	"	Thomas M. Ward,
"	J. Howard Suydam.	"	Herman Schmidt.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Alexander Shaw,	Elder	F. J. Demarest,
"	Francis M. Bogardus,	"	Jacob Newkirk,
"	Peter V. Van Buskirk.	"	James Gardner.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Cornelius Brett,	Elder	Cornelius C. VanReypen,
"	Philetus T. Pockman,	"	Albert Cheesebro',
"	William R. Duryee, D.D.,	"	T. P. Sherwood.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Henry Mattice,	Elder	Jas. C. Lindsay,
"	Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D.,	"	Isaac I. VanDerbeck,
"	Alex. H. Young.	"	Jas. A. Williamson.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Charles J. Young,	Elder	A. T. VanDerveer,
"	William H. Ballagh,	"	Daniel Harvey,
"	Ransford Wells, D.D.	"	LaFayette G. Schenck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William H. Phraner,	Elder W. H. Houghton,
" George W. Labaw,	" John Statesir,
" William Reiley, D.D.	" W. L. Jones.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D.,	Elder W. D. W. Miller,
" David Waters, D.D.,	" Samuel O. Crane,
" Andrew V. V. Raymond.	" James Marlatt.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Vehslage,	Elder Nelson Jacobus,
" William H. Gleason, D.D.,	" C. H. Merry,
" William J.R. Taylor, D.D.	" William H. Kirk.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward T. Corwin, D.D.,	Elder John Sutphen,
" William R. Taylor,	" Jacob Wyckoff,
" James Cruikshanks.	" Henry P Cortelyou.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John L. See, D.D.,	Elder Freeman Edgar,
" Alex. McWilliam,	" Lewis Labaw,
" John G. Gebhard.	" Reuben Hulick.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius E.Crispell, D.D.,	Elder G. Van Nostrand,
" William H. Clark,	" Peter Tallman,
" N. H. VanArsdale,	" John T. Van Iderstine,
" William Wormser.	" Thomas Welling.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Asher Anderson,	Elder C. C. Van Dyke, M. D.,
" Vernon B. Carroll,	" D. Macfarlan,
" John H. Duryea, D.D.,	" Alex. D. Hill,
" James Huyssoon.	" A. H. Ackerman.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel T. Searle,	Elder William J. Snyder,
" J. Henry Whitehead,	" Abram Doremus,
" Benj. V. D. Wyckoff.	" Albert Benson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. R. Koopman,	Elder A. Hartley,
" H. E. Nies,	" Nicholas Verduin,
" James Kemlo.	" Theodore A. Peer.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John S. Gardner,	Elder Henry Polhemus,
" Nathaniel I. Rubinkam,	" H. W. Reihl, M. D.,
" Edward Birdsall.	" P. S. Skillman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Samuel Streng,	Elder E. Mason,
" Chas. W. Pitcher,	" Cornelius Sheats,
" Cornelius Schenck.	" A. W. Given.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William H. Hoffman,	Elder John C. Latourette,
" Artemas Dean,	" D. Neighbour,
" H. F. Schnellendreussler.	" Rynier H. Veghte.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Robert Van Amburgh,	Elder Edward F. Stewart,
" Benj. T. Statesir,	" B. M. Polhemus,
" Gilbert Lane.	" B. B. Burniston.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following were reported by the Committee on Nominations, and appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. John Gaston. *Secundus*, Rev. Alex. McWilliam.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.—Primarius, Rev. Theodore W. Wells. *Secundus*, Rev. J. Henry Whitehead.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. John Hart. *Secundus*, Rev. Jas. LeFevre.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Warwick, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in May, 1884, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, prayer was offered, and the benediction was given by the President.

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *President.*
P. M. DOOLITTLE, *Adsessor.*

WM. E. DAVIS, } *Clerks pro tem.*
RALPH W. BROKAW, }

A true copy of the original minutes.

CHARLES H. POOL, *Stated Clerk.*



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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Warwick, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 6, 1884, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session through Wednesday evening, May 7th.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, who also preached the Annual sermon on Tuesday evening, taking as his text, Matthew 13:52—"Then said He unto them, therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Revs. J. Howard Suydam, Peter V. Van Buskirk. *Elders*, Isaac D. Demarest, Thomas M. Ward, John B. Kipp.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Rev. P. T. Pockman, Paul D. Van Cleef, D D. *Elders*, Albert Cheesebro, James A. Williamson.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, Revs. Isaac P. Brokaw, William H. Ballagh, Ransford Wells, D. D., Theodore W. Wells. *Elder*, Lafayette G. Schenck.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Revs. George S. Bishop, D. D., A. V. V. Raymond, Ralph W. Brokaw. *Elders*, John L. Merrill, Philip P. Van Arsdale.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Revs. Mancius H. Hutton, D. D., Alexander McWilliam, David M. Talmage. *Elder*, James Wood.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Revs. Asher Anderson, William H. Williamson, Peter H. Milliken, William W. Letson. *Elders*, Garret Van Nostrand, Isaac M. Dederer, John Sip.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, Revs. Philip Furbeck, James E. Bernart, John N. Jansen. *Elder*, Nathan De Moth.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Revs. Edward Birdsall, Cornelius Schenck. *Elder*, A. W. Givin.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Revs. Edward G. Read, George W. Scarlett, Charles H. Pool. *Elders*, David K. Craig, Byron Thornton, M. D., G. Spencer Van Cleef.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Theodore W. Wells was elected *President.*

Rev. Edward G. Read was elected *Vice-President.*

Rev. William H. Williamson and Rev. P. T. Pockman were elected *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The minutes of the session of 1883 were read. The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading was omitted.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Peter H. Milliken, Isaac P. Brokaw. *Elder*, Thomas M. Ward.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. Alexander McWilliam, Asher Anderson. *Elder*, Byron Thornton, M. D.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. A. V. V. Raymond, James E. Bernart. *Elder*, A. W. Givin.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. Mancius H. Hutton, John N. Jansen. *Elder*, Garret Van Nostrand.

On Nominations.—Revs. Cornelius Schenck, George W. Scarlett. *Elder*, L. G. Schenck.

On Treasurer's Report.—*Elders*, Isaac D. Demarest, Albert Cheesebro.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

I. An appeal fram the action of the Classis of Monmouth in relation to a case of discipline in the Reformed Church of Asbury Park was received from Mrs. E. Henrietta Reid, of Asbury Park, together with the reasons of appeal. The appeal and reasons therefor, together with all the papers relating to the case, were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

II. A communication from the German Church of Plainfield, asking to be transferred from the Classis of Raritan to the Classis of Newark. Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New York, were received.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported that after examination of the Minutes of General Synod of 1883, they found nothing claiming the attention of this Synod.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The reports of the nine Classis of this Synod are unusually full and gratifying. The suggestion of last year's Committee has evidently been heeded, and but few churches have been satisfied to report simply the statistical table. As a result we have before us definite statements, from all but 17 of the 130 churches of the Synod. These statements are for the most part encouraging, and will be given in full as an appendix to this report.

So far as figures tell the real story, it is comparatively easy to summarize the year's work.

The number of churches remains 130. The number of families has increased 206, making the total 12,522. The whole number received on confession has been 1,493 ; by certificate, 699 ; total, 2,192. The membership has been diminished by deaths, 385 ; suspensions, 25 ; dismissions, 617 ; total, 1,027. Making the apparent net gain, 1,165 ; but through the revision of the roll of membership in several churches, this number is

reduced, so that as a Synod we report only 936 more communicants this year than last.

We have only one more Sunday School, but 1,950 more scholars, which is an encouraging increase, especially when compared with last year's gain of but 120 scholars; but it is to be remembered that a part of this increase may be accounted for by the change from the number of scholars to "total enrollment," which includes teachers.

From these figures we gather food for reflection. The great question ever to be kept in mind when reviewing the work of any church or number of churches is: What real gain has been made upon the "Prince of this world?" With this ever before us, too much emphasis should not be placed upon many reported features of prosperity. The best we can say of these is, that they are interesting and helpful signs. We would not ignore them, but we would not unduly emphasize them. We are looking for spiritual growth; for ours is spiritual work. We acknowledge that the religious life of a congregation may be surely increasing without any expression of it appearing in the statistical table, but this thought may be used more for comfort than inspiration. It must never be forgotten that aggressive work, (and that is ours or we have none,) largely measures the real advance of the Kingdom of Christ. We have reason therefore as a Synod to come before God with grateful hearts, because of what the Holy Ghost has wrought through us during the year. There are reported 1,493 conversions, 351 more than last year, and then we felt there was cause for special thanksgiving.

The whole number is distributed very generally through our Classis, and gives us an average of 166 for each Classis, and 11 for each church. We have not before us the Minutes of previous Synods, but we doubt if for many years, with the exception of great revival years, there has been a larger and more uniform growth. Let us praise God as we make mention of His great goodness. But it may be helpful for us to look at this item from another standpoint. Notwithstanding the large number of conversions, the net increase in membership, after accounting for deaths, dismissions, suspensions and revisions of membership rolls, is but 936. This denotes our actual gain upon the world. We have therefore supported 130 churches

with all their working forces, 23,016 members, including 18[redacted] Sunday Schools, with thousands of teachers—the whole at cost of over $295,000, and at the end of a whole year's work have reported an actual gain of seven communicants for each church.

While thankfully noting the greatness of the result from one standpoint, must we not admit its insignificance from another, and is it not really a lamentably small return, and does it not bear witness to our lack of power with God? It is not the story of vigorous spiritual life, and should we not therefore humble ourselves in earnest prayer for a new baptism, when God has declared Himself to be so willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

Second to the conversion of sinners, we place naturally the upbuilding of God's own people. Upbuilding is but another term for consecration, and consecration manifests itself, among other ways, in the contributing of one's substance unto the Lord. We therefore feel that we have a right to place the column "contributions for religious and benevolent purposes" second to that of members received on confession. But the general support of the Gospel in one's own village or city belongs largely to a man's personal interests; he himself reaps the largest benefit. Giving to the Lord means giving to somebody besides ourselves.

Turning now to the benevolent contributions of Synod, we find a gratifying increase of $3,470.64. Last year's increase was but $123.98. So in this a marked advance has been made. Ten churches report no contributions whatever to benevolence. This we regard as a fatal mistake to their own prosperity. No church is so poor that it cannot make some offering to God's cause in the world, and we would call attention of the various Classes to this truth, and suggest that it be emphasized.

What all our churches need is more of the "grace of giving," and while deeply grateful for the evidence of increase in this grace also, we can but suggest renewed and persistent effort on the part of pastors and teachers to develope among hearers and scholars more of the spirit of Him who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister," who gave His life for the ransom of many.

During the year but one ministerial brother has been removed

from us by death, and we here record with deep sorrow, the sad death of Rev. James Kemlo, a brother singularly gifted and useful, the mystery of whose tragic end ever confronts us.

Respectfully submitted, with appended Classical reports.

A. V. V. RAYMOND, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

All the churches of Classis, except Spring Valley, have presented their reports, which make it manifest that the Lord's work has been carried on by pastors and people with regularity and fidelity, which entitles us to the hope that fruits of righteousness have been brought forth, although they do not appear in a prominent and striking manner. As a cause of special gratitude, the fact must be mentioned that the First Church of Hoboken, which for years has been the sick-child of Classis, now shows signs of vigorous spiritual life and temporal prosperity. The German Church of North Bergen is also in a highly flourishing condition, having repaired and beautified their House of Worship and re-built the parsonage; while the Park Reformed Church in Jersey City is engaged in a great missionary work, and on the way of solving the difficult problem of continuing the church in the midst of an ever-changing community. The German Church of Hackensack has become free from debt, and the First Church has excelled in giving liberally to the benevolent causes of the denomination. The Second Church, although suddenly abandoned by its pastor, has remained steadfast and held its own, while New Durham, Schraalenberg, Closter and Cherry Hill have shown a steady and healthful growth. The church in Central Avenue, by purchasing the property hitherto occupied and raising nearly $8,000 for its own purposes, has demonstrated the fact that by the grace of God and the faithfulness of His people, great things can be done, and the day of small things need not be despised. It is, however, deeply to be regretted that the oldest Church in the Classis, English Neighborhood, shows signs of decrease, and also that one of our weakest churches, that of Guttenberg, is disturbed by inward strife, which, however, we trust will speedily come to an end, as it has so happily been done in the Church of the Palisades. The infant church at Secaucus feels

the need of a settled pastorate and a church edifice, and they a[illegible] Classis for counsel and advice. The German church in Hob[illegible] ken is deeply interested in the cause of the religious educati[illegible] of the young, and carries on the work with zeal and self-deni[illegible] in the Classical Academy. The fact that in a region, th[illegible] population of which is steadily and rapidly increasing, th[illegible] growth of our Church has been so small, ought to humiliate [illegible] so that we may be filled with greater devotion to carry on th[illegible] work committed to our hands.

LEOPOLD MOHN, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the state of the churches, reported as follows :

We have thirteen churches in our Classis, and a report has been received from each one. The general tone of these is excellent and hopeful ; in a few instances the voice is exultant All the churches have been provided with the preaching of the Gospel so that the field is thoroughly occupied. Some of the feebler members have suddenly become strong, and are doing their work vigorously. The large additions upon confession reported by two of our German Churches were due, not to the special work of the Holy Spirit, but to the fact that most of those uniting with the new organizations were unable to secure letters of dismission from churches to which they already belonged, and hence were obliged to join on confession. While such swell the numbers received into our own church, they do not really increase the army of the Lord. The prosperity of the Classis in temporal things is certainly to be noted, and " being enriched in everything to all liberality," this fact should "work through us thanksgiving to God." The Sunday Schools are prosperous, and the Classis is fully panoplied for aggressive work.

A comparison with last year's report bears its own testimony. There is an increase in "families," of 240, in "communicants received on confession," of 249, and in those received on certificate, of 26. The total number of communicants is 336 greater than in last year's report. Thirty-nine more infants were baptized, and ten more adults. There is an increase of 685 in

Catechumens and 580 in Sunday School scholars, while the number of Sunday Schools remains the same. There is an increase of $8,717 in contributions for home purposes, while the gifts for outside benevolence have fallen $875 below those of last year. Three churches only report no contributions for benevolent purposes, two of these having been lately organized. Five churches have not dismissed a member. Three churches make no reports of "baptized non-communicants." Every church has received members on confession, the numbers running from one to one hundred and fifteen. We record with deep regret the falling off in benevolent gifts, and feel like urging the churches to neglect not the opportunities that lie at their doors.

The *Church of Bergen* reports: "Our pew rolls are larger than for several years. The finances are easy, and everything is harmonious." The schedule of benevolent collections has been revised so as to give Foreign and Domestic Missions each a monthly collection. The women of the church have organized an auxiliary in behalf of Domestic Missions. The Young Men's Christian Association of the church have sought the general improvement of all by furnishing a course of scientific lectures of high merit. In regard to the highest prosperity, represented by the salvation of souls, the record announces only ten conversions during the year. The prevailing spirit of the church is voiced in the closing sentence, "We are waiting, hoping, wishing and praying for better and larger things"

The *First Church of Jersey City* still enjoys the faithful ministrations of the Rev. William Westerfield, Jr., and "has made more progress during the past year than for some time past." This they regard as "quite encouraging, considering the declining condition of our part of the city." The spiritual state of the members has been fully maintained.

The *First Church of Bayonne* reports a condition of unmistakable prosperity, evidenced by an addition of forty members, a replete treasury, increased liberality, contributions almost doubled, the pastor's salary increased, and the church building extensively repaired. For all this they make grateful acknowledgments to Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church.

The *Second Church of Jersey City* reports: That "whatever

has happened during the year, has tended to the furtherance the Gospel. The audience room has been improved and furnished. A Mission School, for nearly twelve years identi with the church and maintained by the untiring zeal of one her members, has vacated its quarters and become merged the home school, thereby nearly doubling the numbers. Me while the missionfield has passed into the hands of the F German Evangelical Church, and they are occupying it wit good degree of energy and efficiency."

The *Church of Bergen Point* sends only a statistical repor

The *Second Church of Hudson City* presents a very heal state of affairs, spiritual and temporal. We incorporate report in full. "This congregation gives thanks to the Lord the progress it has made during the year. We have recei 53 new members. Our Sunday School is attended by children regularly. We have paid all church debts, and be have raised $1,500 toward the erection of a parsonage. can surely say the Lord has been with us."

The *Church of Lafayette* mourns the fact that very little s itual activity has been seen and only a few have been adde the Church. However, the means of grace have been faithf employed, and the Sunday School has been "the scene of cons Biblical and Catechetical instruction." Death has invaded ranks and taken, among other leading members, Mr. John Atwood, one of the acting Elders, a man whose loss is de felt. All can unite in the prayer for "a greater consecratio the Master's work, and a faith which He will answer by outpouring of His Holy Spirit." In all material things Church is prosperous.

The *Church of Greenville* sends a message which tells enlarged activity and steady prosperity. Benevolence increased, and the Ladies' Missionary Society has extended help to both the Foreign and Domestic Boards. The Sun School is under good discipline and faithful instruction. the usual services have been maintained, and God has not Himself without a witness of His presence and power. temporal affairs the Church is doing nicely. "In all things seek the mind of Christ."

The *Free Church of Jersey City* is the herald of glad tidi "The Consistory feel that they have great cause for thank

ness to the great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity and peace enjoyed during the past year. We note a decided increase in attendance, and a silent but marked work of grace during the entire year. The Lord has added to our communion a total of forty-eight; thirty-nine of whom were added by confession." A spirit of increased liberality has developed: "the free-will offerings suffice to meet all demands on the treasury." "We also do most gratefully acknowledge the receipt of $1,500 from the executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Smith. One thousand dollars of this amount we paid over to the Board of Domestic Missions, it being the amount received from the said Board in completing our building. The balance has been appropriated to other improvements in the church."

The *Third Church of Bayonne* retains the Rev. C. F. A. Klein as stated supply, and adds no remarks to the statistical table. Little change seems to have taken place.

The *South Bergen Church* speaks of "a gradual increase in attendance at the Sunday services," and that the week-day prayer meetings are interesting and beneficial. "The Sunday School is the pride of the church; over 50 have been added to the roll this past year, and the work of the Holy Spirit has been seen in bringing some from the Sunday School into the church. The Young Men's Prayer Meeting has proved a means of grace to the church."

The *First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City* sends her first report to Classis and notes an encouraging growth. The first service was held on the third Sunday of November, 1882, and there were present eighteen adults and twenty-one children. The work among the German brethren has been crowned with many blessings. "We make mention with thankfulness of the gift of our Chapel, by the Second Reformed Church of Jersey City, and that we are able with the help of God and our friends to purchase the lot upon which our Chapel stands." This church was organized March 1, 1883.

The *St. John's German Evangelical Church of Bergen*, organized June 24, 1883, forwards to Classis a favorable report. The present pastor has been in the field since June 1, 1883. "The congregation is in a prosperous condition, the Sunday School opened June 10, 1883, with twelve scholars and one

teacher. It now numbers 130 scholars and 20 teachers." These results were gained by the pastor visiting continually the homes of the people. The congregation has made a commendable effort toward raising money to buy lots and build a church.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The candidate, William Vaughan, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick and examined for ordination May 29, 1883. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the South Bergen Church, June 17, 1883. The Rev. Alex. H. Young was dismissed to the Presbytery of Newton, N. J., May 29, 1883. The candidate, Emil A. Menry, was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, N. Y., June 17, 1883, examined for ordination June 25, and ordained and installed as pastor of the Second Church of Hudson City, July 1, 1883. The Rev. Gottlieb Andraea was received, after examination, from the German Evangelical Church, and installed as pastor of St. John's German Evangelical Church of Bergen, Nov. 11, 1883. The Rev. John Staehli was received from the Classis of Bergen, Oct. 16, 1883, and installed as pastor of the First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City, Nov. 9, 1883.

The St. John's German Evangelical Church of Bergen was organized June 24, 1883.

P. T. POCKMAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee has received reports from all the churches of the Classis except the Second Church at Long Branch, which in its present condition could not be expected to report.

The reports as received are, every one, both encouraging and hopeful. The revival spirit is mentioned as having been present with blessed results in the First Church at Long Branch, which has been specially favored, and in the Church of Middletown. All the churches, with the exception of Spotswood, report a number of accessions on confession, and all but Holmdel report accessions by letter.

If we take the census number of families, including the last year's report of the Second Church at Long Branch, we find a falling off in the Classis of 13 families, due manifestly either to removals or revisions of the lists. One family is lost to Mid-

dletown; five to the Second Church of Freehold, and eighteen to the Church at Highlands, to offset which, in part, we have had a gain of eleven families to the First Church of Long Branch. The number of accessions on confession has been sixty-seven, twenty-six more than last year, and nearly half of them gained by the First Church of Long Branch. The number added by certificate has been eight less than last year, and nearly half of these also belonging to the First Church of Long Branch. The dismissions have been little more than half those of last year; while the number of deaths has been about the same; so that the total membership, including that of the Second Church at Long Branch, as reported a year ago, has an apparent increase of 65. But this increase may be reduced to nearly nothing when the real state of the case is known with reference to the above mentioned church.

There has been a marked falling off in contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, while a large gain is noted in contributions for congregational purposes, due mostly to the building of the churches at Asbury Park and Spotswood.

The amount contributed by the Classis to the Boards and funds of the church, so far as reported, is $1,138.51.

Of this amount the contributions for Foreign Missions, the Widows' Fund, and the Disabled Ministers' Fund are greater, and those for the rest of the Boards and Funds are less than they were last year. Only four of the churches, Holmdel, Middletown, Keyport and Colts Neck, contributed to *all* the Boards and Funds of the church. The Second Church of Freehold contributes to all but the Disabled Minister's Fund.

The special causes of thanksgiving on the part of the Classis in matters temporal are the building and completion of a "beautiful and commodious church" at Asbury Park, and the approaching completion of a new church edifice at Spotswood, erected upon the ruins of the former building, blown down by the terrific cyclone which struck it last Summer. Against these causes for thanksgiving, however, we must offset the loss to the denomination of the Second Church at Long Branch.

The points to be noted from the reports of individual churches are as follows:

First Freehold or Marlborough reports a year "of extraordi-

nary blessing in that there has been entire freedom from the ravages of death, cheering evidence of the saving presence of God, unanimity of sentiment and purpose, and the uninterrupted enjoyment of the benefits of harmony and peace."

Holmdel reports nothing special.

Spotswood has had an experience of a mixed character. At the beginning of the year, with the acquisition of a new pastor, the cancelling of a $1,000 debt, and a bequest of $500, the prospect was bright—never brighter. But the laying of the church building in ruins by the July cyclone dashed this prospect and disheartened many. And yet who knows but that today, by earnest effort and some help, with God's blessing, the church with a new edifice and a debt of only $700 instead of $1,000 is better off than before.

Middletown reports "a year of more than uniform prosperity."

The Second Church of Freehold rejoices that the gifts of the congregation have been kept at the standard of previous years; that during a lengthened absence of the pastor the regular services of the church, Sunday school and prayer meeting, were carried on, and the usual attendance was sustained, although the one regretful feature of the report is the small number of accessions on confession.

The First Church of Long Branch reports "a year of grace and progress. The presence of the Holy Spirit with power has been manifested in the conversion of souls, 29 being added to the church on confession."

Keyport says: "God has favored us much in every way. First, with the blessing of rational existence. Second, with the fair fruits of liberal hearts and willing hands. Third, with the tokens of His presence."

Colts Neck reports a year of average prosperity.

Highlands mentions a decrease in the number of families, but the same number of communicants as last year. An increase also of Sunday School scholars, and the amounts contributed for both Religious and Benevolent and Congregational Purposes. The outlook is hopeful.

Asbury Park is thankful for a year of special blessing, not only in being permitted to erect their new church, with which they are delighted, but in there being no "root of bitterness"

among them, but perfect unity and harmony. Every department of church work is prosperous, especially the Sunday School, which has nearly doubled in number since the report of last year, while a Catechetical class under the care of the pastor has just been formed.

The Second Church of Long Branch has been disbanded and its name erased from the Roll of the Classis.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. Cyril Spaulding was received from the Classis of Orange and installed over the church at Spotswood, May 15, 1883. The Rev. William H. Phraner was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois, November 22, 1883.

GEORGE W. LABAW, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The reports from the various churches are for the most part unusually encouraging. No one church reports any large accessions on confession, as did several last year, but one after another speaks of real progress in the Lord's work. Only one fails to speak of the Spirit's presence in converting power, and that one is now without a pastor. The German Church in West Newark reports 25 confessing Christ; the Church of Orange 21; Clinton Avenue, Newark, 17; Linden, 14; while the numbers given by many smaller churches show results still larger in proportion to their congregational strength. In all, 115 conversions are mentioned, an average of *nine* for each church. Besides these, 144 have been received in the Classis on certificate, 30 being reported by Trinity Church of Plainfield, and 27 by the North Church of Newark; so that during the year 259 have been added to our membership, an average of 20 to each Church.

A marked feature of the reports is the emphasis placed upon the work of the Sunday School. Every church refers to this and finds cause for special thanksgiving and encouragement. We can but feel that God is making this line of duty plainer each year, showing that His kingdom is to advance chiefly through the faithful teaching of the Word. This Classis has reason for great encouragement in the fact that without any

preconcerted plan each church has called attention to its advancing work among the children.

The total of benevolent contributions is $22,989.35, being an increase of $2,180 64 over last year's report, and that was larger by many thousands of dollars than the previous year's. In this growth of benevolence, the Classis should find special cause for gratitude. There is a sense in which the extension of Christ's kingdom waits for the money belonging to Christ's servants, and, without any question, the degree of a Christian's consecration is shown by his willingness to give of his substance to the Lord. Every pastor has a right to regard the benevolence of his people as a test of their growth in grace. Fill hearts with the love of God and you empty them of selfishness.

Taking, then, the 13 reports before us, we find evidence of real progress in almost every department of Christian activity, and, as a Classis, we have reason to recognize with all humility the signal favor of our God. Let us take with us to our respective congregations the story of what God hath wrought, and thus cheer and strengthen them for greater efforts in the year before us.

We call attention to some of the special features of each report.

Belleville notes extensive improvements in church buildings, increased attendance of young people at the evening service, the encouraging work of the Young People's Society of Christain Endeavor, and the reappearance in the Sunday School of a class of Chinese.

The First Church of Newark says that the year has been specially marked with temporal success, following the great spiritual ingathering of the previous year. In God's providence it has completed its fiftieth year, and the celebration of its semi-centennial anniversary showed the hold which the Church has upon the respect and regard of the denomination and the community.

Irvington reports an unusually large number of dismissions, owing to change of residence. The financial burden still presses heavily, but the hearts of all are cheered by the work in the Sunday School.

The Second Church of Newark speaks of progress in every



direction, increased attendance at Lord's Day Services, deep interest in the Prayer Meeting, growth of the Sunday School beyond its accommodations, the purchase of a parsonage and land, upon which a Church building may be placed in the future if God so directs.

Franklin speaks with faith and hope, blessed with 8 conversions, while others are seeking Christ. The Sabbath School is nobly sustained, and there is a marked improvement in finances. Over against these must be placed the sad effects of the former trouble.

The North Church of Newark almost startles us with the amount of its benevolent contributions, $13,272.70—being almost twice the sum devoted to Congregational purposes. Special mention is made of the Elders' work in visitation, and the admirable work of the Ladies' Association, through whose committees every family will be visited at least twice a year. Sunday Schools are very efficient under able leaders. Mission work is prosperous, and, through the generosity of an Elder, a fine building has been provided, in which are carried on the work of the Sunday School, Prayer Meeting and Industrial School.

The German Church at West Newark is prosperous and hopeful. Services well attended. Sunday School and Parochial School work flourishing, Ladies' Society active and helpful, and financial report unusually encouraging.

The Clinton Avenue Church of Newark speaks of most decided advance, and gratifying increase of membership both on confession and by letter. The spiritual interest continues. The liberal have devised liberal things. Special mention is made of the Boy's Prayer Meeting before the Sabbath morning service. Hope Chapel, in connection with the Sunday School work, is a marked feature of the report. For this Chapel the Church has contributed $2,764.99. The benevolence is much larger than in any preceding year.

The East Church of Newark is without a pastor, and gives only the statistical table.

Linden rejoices in being able to present a cheerful report. Fourteen members were received on confession. Attendance unusually good, Church never on as firm footing. The Sunday School,

always a bright feature, has lost nothing. Finances are improved, and there is every reason for thanksgiving.

Stone House Plains speaks of a change in the pastorate, which partially accounts for the absence of the report on benevolence. The Sabbath School is the encouraging feature of the Church.

Orange is encouraged by accessions, not only from the world, but from other churches, the latter coming because of the strong doctrinal truth preached. Sunday School larger and more prosperous, and an addition to the church building for Sunday School purposes. A Children's Prayer Meeting is held occasionally in the pastor's parlors, largely attended, and deeply interesting.

Trinity Church, Plainfield, finds cause for humiliation in that only eleven have confessed Christ during the year. Plans are progressing for a new Sunday School room, and the great efficiency of the Ladies' Christian Work Society is noticed.

After thus reviewing the work in each church, we can only repeat our conviction of undeserved favors, and express again our great joy and encouragement over the work of the year now ended.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. John A. Davis was received from the North Classis of Long Island and installed pastor of the Second Church of Newark, May 3, 1883. Rev. Wm. G. E. See was received from the Classis of Ulster and installed in the pastorate of the Stone House Plains Church, January 30, 1884. Rev. J. O. Van Fleet was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic, September 7, 1883, and Rev. Theodore Shafer was dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga, January 30, 1884.

A. V. V. RAYMOND, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the State of the Churches respectfully report as follows:

On account of the failure to receive all the reports in time, your Committee have been unable properly to digest the material.

The First Church of New Brunswick reports: "The year has

been one of quiet prosperity. The ladies are taking special interest in the Boards of Missions. The roll of membership has been carefully revised and corrected, making 738 the present actual membership. We feel grateful for a church loving and devoted to the work of building up the Kingdom of Christ."

The Church of Six Mile Run reports: "The year has been marked by a continuance of rich blessings. The benevolence has been larger than in any previous year of the pastorate of Rev. W. R. Taylor, who has recently left us. We are grateful to God for a gentle and gracious revival."

The Church of Hillsborough reports: "We have great cause for gratitude for the accessions during the past year. There has been a net gain of twenty-one. The Gospel has been preached in its purity, and the people have listened with attention and profit. Seven Sabbath Schools belong in whole, or in part to our church. The pastor visits these schools on Sabbath afternoons in order, and generally lectures on the lessons. The benevolence of the church is not as great as it ought to be. The pastor has preached his twentieth anniversary sermon during the year."

The Church of Middlebush reports: "The year has been characterized by strengthening the stakes rather than by lengthening the cords of our church tent. We have recently celebrated our semi-centennial. The review of the Lord's signal mercies to the fathers and their children have filled our hearts with gratitude for the past and hopefulness for the future. The attendance on the Sabbath is good. Two Weekly Prayer Meetings are well sustained."

The Church of Griggstown reports: "That divine services on the Lord's day are well sustained. The Monthly Concert is a strong meeting. A Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society was organized last May, which has collected nearly $100.00. We now earnestly pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; for this we work and wait with strong hope and confidence."

The Second Church of New Brunswick reports: "Some advance has been made along all the lines. More have been received on confession this year than last, and the number in communion is higher than ever before. Harmony has prevailed, and the attendance on the services has been good, but we need a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

The Church of Bound Brook reports: "We have great cause to thank God for his mercy during the year in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Twenty have been received on confession. The blessing was a surprise to both pastor and people. Most of those received were connected with the Sabbath School."

The Church of East Millstone reports: "There has been a net gain in the membership of ten. We rejoice that the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to bless the proclamation of the Gospel. Thankful for past blessings, we implore God's grace to make us more faithful and devoted."

The Church of Metuchen reports: "We are not strong financially, but we hope we are strong in faith. The most delightful harmony prevails, for which we are thankful."

The churches of the Classis report an accession of 1,211 members on confession, against 1,192 of the preceeding year. The net increase of membership is 41. The increase in benevolence is $600. There has been a decrease of about $1,000 for congregational purposes. From the review of the year we have abundant reason to bless God and take courage.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

On May 18, 1883, Isaac Wm. Gowen, William Vaughan, and Wm. G. Baas were licensed to preach the Gospel. On the same date Mr. Gowen was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie; Mr. Vaughan to the Classis of South Bergen; and Mr. Baas to the Classis of Geneva. On March 3d, 1884, the pastoral relation between Rev. W. R. Taylor and the Church of Six Mile Run was dissolved, and Mr. Taylor dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

E. T. CORWIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

In presenting to the Classis of Paramus this Report on the State of Religion for the year now closed the Committee would call attention to the following facts, which the earnest work of the churches has so grandly developed: The year has been one of progress and gain. Advances have been made all along the line. The blessings of the Great Head of the Church have been upon His covenant people. A spirit of profound thanksgiving pervades almost every report that has come to our hands.

With one exception, confessions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ have been made in all the churches. In one instance, that of Tappan, the revival spirit occasioned the accession of 45 souls to the communion, many of whom were heads of families. Also in Ramapo a great work of grace has been accomplished. Here 24 souls were converted, and the Church has been wonderfully revived. And although some of the others may not have been blessed with any special visitations of the Holy Spirit, still the large additions to the membership illustrate how abundantly God's blessing has rested upon His people. The North Church of Passaic reports 22 conversions; Wortendyke, 22; Acquackanonk, 14; Second Totowa, 13. In all the churches more than two hundred have been added on confession of faith to the communion of the people of God, who with 91 others received by certificate make a total of 297. We note a gain of 54 families, to which have been brought the ministrations of the Word of God.

The contributions for religious and benevolent purposes for the past year amount to $8,660.43; an increase of $2,151.31 above the report of 1883. This is the more interesting, because the amount required for congregational expenditure is $7,106.94 more than last year, *i. e.*, $53,430.01. The benevolence of the churches has been proportionately increased. Although the Broadway Church of Paterson is engaged in providing for themselves a new house for worship, still they report an increase in their benevolence. We mark also this gratifying fact, that while the Church of Centreville, at Athenia, was requested to contribute $30 to the Foreign Mission Work, it really contributed $154.66, which is surely an example of liberality to all our churches.

The Church in Nyack contributes this year $690.00 to Foreign Missions, which is most commendable.

When we think, therefore, of these things, viz: that we gather to-day an unbroken band of ministers, of the inestimable privilege of preaching the Gospel of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, of the souls who have been converted, of the great number of children who are regularly instructed in the Gospel, of the harmony and peace that prevail, of the spirit of liberality in our churches, surely we have every occasion for gratitude to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church of Acquackanonck reports: The interest manifested in the services of the church has been full of encouragement and hope. The prayer meetings have been well sustained. The Sabbath School is in good working order. The lecture room has been renovated, and a new library provided for the school. Many things exist that call forth the sincerest expression of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His goodness and mercy. Received on Confession 14.

The Broadway Church of Paterson reports: No loss, no gain worthy of note. Attendance upon Sabbath services and weekly religious meetings good. An increase of spiritual life may be hindered because a new church edifice absorbs the attention of the people. Although $12,000 have been expended for congregational purposes the contributions to benevolent objects have increased. Received on confession, 1.

The Church of Centreville reports: Four received on confession.

The Church of Clarkstown reports: "We have paid $1,000 on the principal of our debt, and hope to continue annual payments until it is all cancelled. With Dr. Charles S. Hagaman as supply, our services have been regularly observed. We mourn the loss of many members by death, some of them aged, and some who were both vigorous and useful. Received on confession 5."

The Holland Church of Lodi reports: The nominal decrease shown by the table is not real. The decrease is the result of the pastor having been compelled to abandon an outside field of labor. The church in Lodi is at present more prosperous than for the last three or four years, notwithstanding that the factories here have burned down. The attendance is good. There is interest in the service of the Lord. The Lord has been good to us. Received on confession, 2.

The Second Church of Lodi reports: "We cannot record much spiritual growth. Changes have caused some depression and we are weak. We are praying that the Lord will send to us a pastor whose coming shall be as dew unto Israel. Received on confession, 2."

The Church of Nyack reports: "Not a whisper of discord has disturbed our peace. Temporal prosperity has been continued, and a quiet, religious interest has prevailed. Members received

at each communion. Services well attended. The Sabbath School is flourishing, and eight of its members were received to the church during the year. The contributions for benevolent purposes exceed those of any previous year. Mite boxes have occasioned large collections. A Mission Circle has been formed among the girls of the Sabbath School. We say with gratitude, "The Lord hath been mindful of us." Received on confession, 11."

The Church of Paramus reports: "Few gains. Some serious losses by death. We mourn the death of Elder G. A. N. Ackerman, often our representative in Classis. We have much to be thankful for, and larger blessings to seek after. Received on confessions, 6."

The North Church of Passaic reports: "A most encouraging year of progress. Attendance good. Sabbath School growing. A donation of $100 for a library. Congregation very liberal. Outlook promising. The Lord has given us plenty to do. Received on confession, 22."

The Church of Pascack reports: "The year has been one of general prosperity. The Word has been blessed, Christians edified, and souls saved. Sabbath School never so prosperous. Congregation harmonious and united. We mourn the death of our ruling Elder, Garret C. Ackerman, a good man, earnest Christian, who possessed in a high degree 'the grace of liberality.' Received on confession, 5."

The Holland Church of Passaic reports: Received on confession, 7.

The 1st Holland Church of Paterson reports: "Gloom has settled upon us because of stagnation in business. The poor have suffered. Otherwise the church has enjoyed peace and harmony. There have been evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The church debt has been diminished $300. All the objects of the church have received contributions. Received on confession, 2."

The Church of Piermont reports: Nothing noteworthy. Signs of new life appear just now. Received on confession, 3.

The Church of Ramapo reports: "Our church has been greatly revived. Its prayer meetings, its Sabbath School, its Temperance organization all show the rising tide of a spiritual influx. The people have been wonderfully interested and

large additions of families and members have been gained for the church. Sympathy is asked for, and prayers. 1885 will witness the centennial anniversary of the church. Received on confession, 24."

The Church of Ramsey's reports: Received on confession, 5.

The Church of Ridgewood reports: "A review awakens gratitude. The grace of benevolence has increased. Spiritual results are not satisfactory, but there seems to be an increasing religious interest, especially in the Sabbath School. Received on confession, 4."

The Church of Saddle River reports: "The church is no longer encumbered with a debt. Benevolent contributions have increased. No deaths. We need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for which devout souls earnestly pray. Received on confession, 2."

The Church of Spring Valley reports: "The consistory are grateful to be enabled to report an increase of contributions for Foreign Missions. The debt has been reduced. The church has been re-roofed. In all matters, material and spiritual, we are encouraged to go on. Received on confession, 5."

The Second Church of Totowa, Paterson, reports: "The year has been marked by encouraging progress financially and spiritually. Among those who have united with the Church eight were from the Sabbath School. The people have erected a parsonage free from debt, and the contributions for benevolent objects have been increased. Received on confessions, 13."

The Church of Tappan reports: "We make this report with devout thanksgiving to God for the rich blessings of His spirit, throughout the year, the evidence of His reviving and convicting power we possess in the greatly increased attendance upon the prayer meetings, the profound interest with which this service is marked, as well as by the members who have sought admission to the church by profession of faith, including eleven heads of families, and twelve young men over sixteen years of age. Received on confession, 45."

The Church of Warwick reports: "The same gracious monotony of temporal success and of peace, and the same heart-breaking absence of spiritual harvesting which has marked the past few years. Death has been busy. Three aged members

have been called away, prominent among whom was Alexander H. Galloway, who has served the church as deacon for nearly forty years."

The Church of West New Hemstead reports: "We have little to offer. We are still denied the privilege and blessing of a stated ministry. Services, however, have been maintained on the Lord's day together with the prayer meeting, Sabbath School has been conducted about six months in the year. Received on confession, 2."

The Church of Wortendyke reports the accession of 22 souls by confession of faith.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. William Hazenberg was dismissed to the Reformed Dutch Church of South Africa, July 2d, 1883.

The Rev. William H. Williamson was received from the Classis of Raritan, and installed pastor of the Church of Tappan, N. Y., July 19, 1883. The candidate, John Smit, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and installed pastor of the Holland Church of Wortendyke, N. J., July 24, 1883. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Alexander McKelvey and the Church of Centreville, N. J., was dissolved September 18, 1883. The Rev. Alexander McKelvey was dismissed to the Presbytery of Jersey City March 3, 1884. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Robert M. Offord and the Second Church of Lodi, N. J., was dissolved March 31, 1884.

ASHER ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion submit the following report:

"The history of the past year in some respects has been an unusual one in the experience of our Classis. There has been an unusual number of Ministerial changes, and an unusual number of our churches have been without settled pastors during the whole or greater part of the year. Notwithstanding the hindrances to church development and Christian growth that usually result from breaking up the pastoral relation, still the statistics and the tone of the reports from the various churches

are encouraging and hopeful. By comparing this year's work with that of the former we note that marked and substantial advancement has been made in financial and spiritual matters in most of our churches."

The Church of Boonton reports that she is "spiritually alive and fully consecrated to the Master. Our congregations have been good, and our prayer meetings well attended."

The Church of Fairfield reports: "The year has been one of quiet advance. Thorough organization in every department of our work is what we are slowly, yet we trust surely, attaining."

The Church of Franklin Furance reports: "We believe that we are in every sense in a progressive condition."

The Church of Little Falls reports that the past year has been one marked with great temporal prosperity. "With united purpose, and with united effort, our people entered upon the work of repairing and refitting the interior of our church edifice. The work accomplished, the seating capacity enlarged by the addition of six pews, the walls tastefully frescoed, woodwork grained in imitation of black walnut, floor re-carpeted, stained glass windows put in, new cushions provided for the pews, a suit of black walnut furniture provided for the pulpit, and a pipe organ placed in the gallery; and when the church was re-opened for divine services, the hearts of all were made glad by the announcement that every dollar of expense incurred in the work had been paid."

The Church of Montville reports: That during nearly six months of the past year it was without a settled pastor, and this, together with the sad occurrence of the year, greatly affected the church in all departments. They now feel that the church is recovering from these effects, and starting again upon a healthful growth.

Sixth Paterson reports: "Peace and harmony with regular ministrations have been enjoyed. The good seed is being sown. We are looking for a large harvest."

Pompton Plains. This church closes the 113th year of its existence, and the 12th of its present pastorate with renewed expressions of thanksgiving to the Master who has continued to us the manifestation of His favor. The church has been

thoroughly renovated and re-furnished, and finances have been systematized.

The Church of Pompton reports: "Although without a pastor we have neither been standing still nor going back. During the Summer the services of a student from the Theological Seminary were obtained, and as a result of his efforts, and the good seed sown by himself and the former pastor, there have been added to the church twenty-nine."

The Ponds Church sends a statistical report without any written comments

The Church of Preakness reports: "The past year has been one of great quietness and prosperity for our church. The people have been as one man in all they have undertaken, so that the Master's work has been carried on cheerfully. Just as the year closes we are saddened by the loss of our pastor; still our condition is such that we look forward hopefully to the future, trusting that God may speedily send one who shall be eminently successful in carrying on the Lord's work."

First Totowa reports: "By the marked providence of God our church had laid upon them the building of a chapel in a region of our city. The building will be dedicated to the service of our Lord next month. Although no special work of grace, yet we trust that God has been edifying the church and developing a higher standard of piety."

Union Reformed adds to the tabular reports this: "No special report," but the tabular reports indicate a large and healthy growth.

The Church of Wyckoff reports: "We have nothing special to report of a religious character. God has visited us as a church in the removal of five members by death. The congregation has procured a new communion service and organ."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The pastoral relation between Rev. James Kemlo and the Church of Montville was dissolved May 8, 1883, and he died September 18, 1883. Rev. A. A. King's pastoral relation with the Ponds Church was dissolved May 31st, 1883, and he was installed at Boonton, June 26, 1883. Rev. J. O. Van Fleet was received from the Classis of Newark October 2, 1883, and was installed at Montville October 24, 1883. The pastoral relation

between Rev. J. Vaughan and the Church of Franklin Furnace was dissolved January 30, 1884, and that between Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff and the Church of Preakness, March 17, 1884, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan.

P. FURBECK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

With intense interest have we watched for the messages from our Churches, with eagerness we have received and read them, and with feelings sometimes of sadness, but often of gladness, have we noted their answers to the question, "How Goes the Battle?"

1. *Blawenburg* reports "little either to depress or exalt our spirits," additions on confession, 8—not so large as hoped for, weather interfering seriously with public service and pastoral work. Benevolence *relatively* equal to past years, a parsonage debt of $400, which is about to be paid, and other finances sound and healthy. Net gain 5.

2. From the smallest and weakest, as well as the youngest of our country churches, that of *Three Bridges*, we hear this voice: "Financially weak. Though many have low and unscriptural views on the subject of giving, yet to some giving means sacrifice. The pastor and consistory confess fault in passing by one collection. A Ladies' Missionary Society has been organized, the church debt reduced over $200, and the church is nearly free. Numerically, the growth has been slow, yet we find 13 by confession and certificate against 5 last year. Yet the growth has been constant. The past decade families have nearly trebled—31 to 82; members nearly doubled—52 to 96. As to spiritual state, while many are earnest and faithful, yet there are dangers of worldliness among young and old. 5 have confessed Christ; others, we trust, are nearing the Kingdom of Heaven."

3. *Clover Hill* sends this cheering retrospect and prospect: "Though dismissions have exceeded accessions, yet there has been steady growth. No unusual excitement, yet an upward tendency in religious culture, and quiet, gradual, constant growth, as the result of the Divine blessing upon a faithful, we hope, and firm presentation of the Word. In ten years the

membership has grown from 115 to 180, but benevolence declined by one half."

4. The last of our city churches, *Fifth Philadelphia*, is the first to send its words of good cheer. "We are conscious of the Lord's gracious presence in our midst. Nightly meetings, followed by several deaths, awakened a spirit of inquiry and earnest desire to serve the Lord. This feeling still exists. Some have already been blessed; others are waiting upon the Lord. More have been received into the church this year than in several years past; yet our list of members is smaller, owing to needed revision." Your committee note that in ten years the families have increased by *one-third*, the benevolence has more than *sextupled*, while the Sabbath School has increased *one-half*. Well may they thank God and take courage.

5. *Addisville*, on the other hand, speaks of the past year as one of peculiar trial. "The days of darkness have been many, but the light of God's favor has not been wholly withdrawn. Some mercy drops have fallen from passing clouds. Though six have joined on confession, the large number of removals and deaths have enabled us to barely hold our own. We have tried faithfully to feed the flock and sow the seed and hopefully leave the increase with God." This is the first church that reports the Children of the Covenant. May the decline of the last decade in numbers and financial strength be followed by a large increase.

6. *Manayunk* sends no written report as required, but its figures show most encouraging facts. The converting power of the Holy Spirit is shown in 18 additions on confession, many of them heads of families. The Sabbath School shows a healthy growth. Though nearly $3,300 have been spent in church improvements, the benevolence of the church has been maintained. In 10 years families have increased from 75 to 110, members from 179 to 260, the large Sabbath School has doubled, and gifts at home and abroad have increased one-half.

7. *Stanton* simply reports the Church "in a healthy and growing condition. Six have been received on confession. During 10 years the church has increased *one-third* in families, and in benevolence from blank to contributions to 3 Boards."

8. *Neshanic* sends word of good attendance and well sustained meetings, and adds: "We have reason to thank God for

His blessing upon His word. Our communion services this last year have been delightful occasions; 13 have been received on confession, 7 of the number young ladies, and, in all, a spirit of earnest and well grounded piety is manifested. On the other hand an increased debt is deplored, but confidence is expressed that it will soon be paid. An Auxilliary to the Woman's Foreign Mission Board has been organized since January 1st, with good prospects. The benevolence of the church, though not all through Synod's channels, is large."

9. *North and South Hampton* speaks of another year of blessing, of few removed, many aged spared, and the young trained in Christian work. Finances have been encouraging, Sabbath Schools have been increased by one, interest in Missions has been furthered by mission circles, neighborhood prayer meetings have been multiplied, and each communion has witnessed some additions on confessions—ten in all. Yet the dangers of a Laodicean state—of self-content and world-love—are felt. Our prayers are asked for more zeal in the business of the Lord's house, for a higher unity of the Spirit, for more love for God and souls, and especially that the Holy Spirit may reprove many of sin because they believe not on Jesus.

10. *Second Philadelphia* reports another year of healthy activity and gradual growth. Thirty-one have been received on confession. There is seemingly a net gain of 21. Though the benevolence of the church has declined $400, the increase for congregational purposes is over $2,400.

11. *Rocky Hill*, which has been vacant for 17 months, has just chosen a new pastor. The report shows no great change for the past two years, neither in numerical or financial strength. The Ladies' Auxilliary Society of the Women's Ex. Committee of Domestic Missions is doing a good work. We hope that the Pastor elect will find Rocky Hill a fruitful field in which the good seed of the Word may bring forth 100 fold.

12. *Third Church of Philadelphia.* "The exhaustive printed report of this church contains a full statement of its condition, of the transactions of its consistory, of the work of the Sabbath school, and of other societies connected with it, showing that, however much oppressed and crushed, it is still alive and does not flinch or despair. For the greater part of the year

Dr. Van Nest has performed the duties of Superintendent, but having removed, the pulpit has been supplied. They express the hope that when the matters in controversy have been decided, we may, by the blessing of God, go forward and build up the broken walls of our Zion.

13. *First Philadelphia*, under its new pastor, Rev. William R. Taylor, sends its statistics. During the interim, there has been some decrease in numerical and financial strength; but the indications are that the efficiency of this church in all its departments will be increased.

14. *Harlingen* thankfully mentions the Divine guidance and care. Though parting with their pastor, a spirit of unity and peace prevailed. With harmony of feeling and action a new pastor was called, who began his work last Winter, and whose work, we have reason to hope, will be attended with blessing. The list of members has been revised.

From these voices from the churches we hear the answer to the question, What is the State of Religion in the Churches of this Classis?

1. We gratefully note a gradual growth in *numbers*. Reviewing the past ten years, we find a steady increase, though slow, in most churches, so that now we report about 100 more families than in 1875. As for members, there has been a gratifying increase in 10 out of 13 churches, so that the net gain, even after repeated revision, is 394. This past year three churches have revised their rolls, and hence the totals show but little change. Five churches show a slight decrease, all others net gain. In every church but one there are new witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ. In five of them ten or more have been received on confession, viz: Fourth Philadelphia, Fifth Philadelphia, Neshanic, N. & S. Hampton and Second Philadelphia. More conversions are reported than in any of the past 5 years. In some congregations there are manifest tokens of the Spirit's gracious presence, little clouds, no larger than a man's hand, but which we trust will bring copious showers of blessing. We hope that the time of the great dearth is at an end, and that to all who have planted and watered God will give the increase.

Yet, while glad and grateful, we cannot fail to ask, Why is this growth so slow? Though this past year has shown increased conversions, why is it that, these past 5 years, only one

family in 15 has been visited by the quickening Spirit? How is it that with over 3,000 in our Sabbath schools, and perhaps as many covenant-children, so few are brought to confess the Saviour? Comparing the past 5 years with the preceding 5 we see, instead of over 300 conversions a year as in 1875, 6 and 7, less than 100 a year as in 1881, 2 and 3; and we cannot repress the inquiry, must this always be so? Must we have times of great accessions and then of declension? Must revivals be followed by relapses, and then by revisions? May it not be, that by thorough religious education, through faithful parental instruction and pastoral visitation, many of these covenant-children will be made conscious of their privileges and obligation, and that the Lord will add "daily to the church?"

2. To the question: What growth is there in the grace of giving? we can give no cheering answer. The reports are so meagre and defective, there are such fluctuations from year to year, there is such varying ability, necessity, and opportunity, that we cannot hazard a general statement. The past 10 years the reported amount for congregational purposes has varied from $23,000 to $30,000. This year, with reports from all the churches, the amount is $29,204.26.

As for benevolent gifts, the same fluctuations appear. From nearly $7,000 in 1875 we dropped to about $5,000 in 1879, and have gradually been approaching our former figure, until last year it exceeded $6,000.00. This year it was hoped that with increased needs, intelligence, and machinery, and with interest and impulse inspired by the Missionary Convention of last November, the gifts of the churches would increase. Instead we find a decrease in 10 out of 14 churches, that gifts have declined nearly one-third, from $6,776.67 to $4,800.82, a decrease of $1,976.85 from last year; making our gifts less than for any of the past 10 years. Why is this so? We hope it may be explained by a decrease of financial ability, and if so, that it may be but temporary.

We are glad to notice increased and improved machinery, notably that of Ladies' Auxiliaries. In some of our churches we find the so-called home needs driving out the needs of the Mission and Education work. In others we see local benevolence supplanting church benevolence. In only one of our 14 churches have all the objects requested by General Synod on



Classical report been remembered. In view of these facts your Committee submit the following:

Resolved, That while this Classis is heartily rejoiced to see the spirit of Christian giving showing itself towards so many commendable objects, yet we do affectionately urge upon all pastors and Consistories to consider the claims of our own Church, to give at least all an opportunity for a contribution to every cause commended by General Synod, and to make the greatest possible use of the system of Ladies' Auxiliaries.

3. The Statistics of Infant Baptism seem to your Committee quite meagre, one church, with 155 families, reporting 54 baptisms, but all the other 13 churches, with nearly 1,350 families, report but 77 more. Churches numbering 316 families report but 3. This is a feature from year to year. It may be that births have been few, but if there are births should there not be baptisms? We therefore recommend that it be

Resolved, That pastors and elders are earnestly requested to urge upon their Christian people the duty and privilege of infant baptism.

4. Your Committee also call your attention to the fact that only 5 out of 14 churches report their baptized non-communicants. Inasmuch as particular Synod in 1883 (see page 7 and 8), thought well to urge the matter upon the Classis, your Committee believe that this column should be carefully and fully reported, and that, not as a *form*, but as a source of *life*, this matter should claim our attention. Who are these baptized non-communicants? Are they not the children of promise? Do we not believe that they are one great hope of the church? May it not be that faithful inquiry may lead to renewed faithfulness in pressing upon these covenant-members their obligations to their Covenant God? May we not hope that thus pastors may be quickened and comforted, that parents may be reminded of their duties and become more zealous for these souls? yes, that these members by baptism may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost? We therefore recommend that it be

Resolved, That pastors and elders are affectionately urged to make a careful and complete canvas of their congregations, so that this enrollment of baptized members may be owned of our Covenant God in many new names in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. John S. Gardner was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island.

Rev. Thomas X. Orr was dismissed to the Presbytery of Peoria, Illinois.

Rev. F. M. Kip, Jr., was received from the Classis of Montgomery, Dec. 20, 1883, and installed pastor of the church of Harlingen, N. J., Jan. 9, 1884.

Rev. William R. Taylor was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, March 4, 1884, and installed pastor of the First Church of Philadelphia, April 3, 1884.

SAMUEL STRENG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following report :

The year just closed has been one unmarked by special outpourings of the Holy Spirit within our bounds; and in view of this fact we have reason for self-abasement and confession. Doubtless if pastors and churches had been more prayerful and consecrated, more abundant evidence of the Divine blessing would have been witnessed. Still we are not without precious tokens of the smiles of our King. Church ordinances are well sustained. The truth of God is faithfully preached. Harmony and brotherly love prevail. Nearly every church reports accessions to its memberships. "The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

The First Church of Raritan has lost by death a large number of its older members. There is a marked increase in the prayer meeting attendance. The church finances have been placed on a greatly improved basis, and the pastor's salary has been raised $250. The ladies of the congregation have contributed liberally towards furnishing the pastor's house.

Readington. Statistical report only presented.

Bedminster reports "a fair progress in Christian growth, and a peace and harmony in the church which is delightful to every one who loves our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Lebanon was six months without a pastor. The consistory reports: "The spiritual life of the church has been very low.

At present nearly every seat in our large edifice has been rented. The services have been remarkably well attended ; prayer meetings have been reorganized, and have become centres of attraction. All things considered, we have reason to hope for better things. The benevolent objects of the church have been sadly neglected, but it is our purpose to give each of the Boards of our church our support during the coming year."

Rockaway sends no report.

North Branch reports several non-residents dismissed after long search ; two suspended members restored ; a marked increase of benevolent contributions ; large and respectful attendance on the preaching of the Word ; general harmony and good will among the people, and decided indications of spiritual growth.

Second Raritan reports the past year as one of harmony, quiet growth and general prosperity. All the indebtedness resting on the church has been removed, for which purpose $3,709.34 has been raised by subscription in addition to the running expenses of the church. Unusual interest has been taken in the cause of Temperance.

Peapack reports a united and working congregation, an increased attendance on the preaching of the Word, and an apparent appreciation of all the ordinances of the Lord's house.

Branchville. Statistical report only presented.

Third Raritan reports the House of God well filled with worshippers, the roll of church members larger than ever before, and a renewed interest in the cause of Temperance, which has resulted in much good.

Easton reports "an increased attendance upon, and encouraging interest in the ordinances of God's house, and the awakening of a purpose to increase the offerings to the service of the Master."

Plainfield (*German*) reports a resumption of public worship with promising results.

Pottersville. Statistical report only presented.

High Bridge reports difficulty in raising money for church purposes, owing to the depressed condition of the manufacturing interest ; a good attendance on church ordinances ; growth in the Sabbath school and a prevailing spirit of unity and brotherly love.

Clinton Station. Statistical report only presented.

Fourth Raritan, (*German*) reports: "We have good reason to feel encouraged in our work, as the evidence of renewed vigor, both in spiritual as well as temporal matters. The church services are well attended, especially in pleasant weather, and there is greater earnestness manifest on the part of the people. We firmly hope and believe that the Lord will ere long visit the work among our people with abundant success."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Mr. George W. Scarlett, a graduate from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, was examined, ordained, and installed pastor of the Church of Peapack, June 14, 1883. Rev. Frederick Kochli, a foreign minister, was received on probation under the care of Classis for one year, May 22, 1883, according to the provision of the constitution.

The pastoral relation between Rev. William H. Williamson and the Church of Clinton Station was dissolved June 14, 1883, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. E. Davis and the Church of Branchville was dissolved August 27, 1883, and he was installed pastor of Lebanon, Oct. 2, 1883.

The pastoral relation between Rev. John H. Smock and the Church of Readington was dissolved Oct. 24, 1883, and he was dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island. Also, between Rev. Wm. H. Hoffman and the Church of Pottersville, Dec. 11, 1883, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Grand Rapids.

Rev. Benjamin V. D. Wyckoff was received by certificate from the Classis of Passaic, April 8, 1884.

A. DEAN, *Chairman.*



STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	30		1				31					1	60	$68 37	$700 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	Theo. B. Romeyn	150	10	4	5	1	3	273	7	2		350	1		1,350 00	3,500 00	Hackensack, "
Schraalenburgh	George Seibert	99	3	1	1		3	191	4	2	165	130	2	150	592 35	1,817 73	Schraalenburgh, "
New Durham	William H. Scudder	95	8		5		5	153	7				2	350	453 80	2,733 14	Weehawken, town of Union.
Park Ref., Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	208	21	13	8		2	311	5	14		250	1	518	556 91	7,780 00	Jersey City, N. J.
First Hoboken	Isaac E. House	57	16	27	4			117	4	3		85	1	228	90 52	1,743 51	Hoboken, "
North Bergen	John Justin	58	6				2	76	10			20	1	260	95 94	2,778 00	Weehawken, "
Second Hackensack	Vacant	55	1	3			1	90	1	1			1	130		2,500 00	Hackensack, "
German Evan., Hoboken	Leopold Mohn		63				5	605	245			60	1	800	318 17	3,544 48	Hoboken, "
Third Hackensack	Louis Goubel	70	13					110	45			13	1	135	10 00	800 00	Hackensack, "
Closter City	P. V. Van Buskirk, (S. C.)	80	2	10			3	119	3			90	1	135	56 75	1,400 00	Closter, "
Palisades	F. M. Bogardus	56		4			1	52	6			50	2	100	55 00	530 00	Fort Lee, "
Guttenburg	Alexander Shaw, (S. S.)						1	30	15			100	1	120	9 05	507 63	Guttenberg, "
Central Ave., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright	90	12	7			1	121	9	5			1	196	63 24	5,702 75	New Bridge, Bergen Co., N. J.
Cherry Hill	James E. Graham	39	1		1		2	64					1	60	40 00	660 00	" " "
Spring Valley	James E. Graham																
Secaucus	Vacant	36	6					42	3				2	200		400 00	
	Total	1121	162	70	24	1	29	2385	364	27	165	1148	20	3442	$3,760 10	$37,097 24	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. R. Gordon, Manhasset, L. I. Rev. Charles Parker, 202 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, N. Y. William C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland County, Va. James H. Bellagh, Kenagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	215	10	11	6	...	7	307	21	1	240	300	2	400	$1,385 98	$7,841 71	109 Bergen ave., Jersey City.
First, Jersey City	William Westerfield, (c. s.)	106	4	5	4	...	2	163	5	1	25	88	1	167	120 60	4,231 48	116 Mercer street, "
First, Bayonne	William W. Knox	150	25	15	4	...	3	251	17	4	...	150	2	380	421 25	3,000 00	Bayonne, N. J.
2nd, Jersey City, (1st V. V.)	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	4	6	...	...	3	219	9	...	100	165	1	307	821 57	5,599 95	288 Barrow street, Jersey City.
Bergen Point	Henry W. F. Jones	130	1	7	5	...	2	185	8	...	95	118	1	185	544 69	3,000 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second, Hudson City	C. Doeppenschmidt, P.E Emil A. Meury	120	53	...	...	...	6	275	42	2	...	227	1	534	350 00	2,856 05	5 Cambridge ave., Jersey City. 9 Cambridge ave., "
Lafayette	William R. Duryee, (s. c.)	90	3	11	5	...	4	193	11	...	125	150	1	200	646 00	4,417 00	239 Pacific ave., "
Greenville	P. T. Pockman	68	6	2	9	...	5	122	8	1	60	55	1	210	248 78	2,574 94	39 Columbia Place, "
Free, Jersey City	Henry Mattice	140	39	9	5	...	2	130	28	6	150	80	1	170	73 85	1,035 92	242 Third street, "
Third, Bayonne	Carl F. A. Klein, (s. s.)	30	7	...	...	1	1	68	14	...	...	40	1	40	...	650 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
South Bergen	William Vaughan	60	9	11	6	...	...	104	4	3	105	162	1	239	179 15	1,071 36	53 Brinkerhoff st., Jersey City.
1st G. Evan., Jersey City	John Stachli	40	91	3	...	...	...	94	42	...	23	23	1	162	...	524 82	404 York street, "
St. John's Gr. Ev., Bergen	Gotlieb Andraea	70	115	1	...	...	...	116	6	...	3	8	1	150	...	5,000 00	222 Monticello ave., "
	Total	1333	367	81	44	1	35	2227	215	18	926	1566	15	3144	$4,791 87	$41,803 23	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theological School, Tokio, Japan.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Freehold	Theodore W. Wells, (s. c.)	100	12	1	2	—	—	210	2	3	90	80	2	195	$155 28	$2,042 07	Marlborough, Monmouth Co.
Holmdel	William Reiley	90	5	—	7	—	4	182	3	4	88	—	1	90	360 40	1,470 82	Holmdel, "
Spotswood	Cyril Spaulding	40	—	1	—	—	2	66	2	—	30	—	3	100	18 21	3,473 24	Spotswood, Middlesex Co., N. J.
Middletown	Charles D. Buck	42	6	1	—	—	1	88	2	3	25	65	1	75	102 32	889 13	Middletown, Monmouth Co.
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	96	3	8	—	—	3	222	2	2	83	80	1	130	515 97	3,065 25	Freehold, "
Keyport	Elias Mead	53	2	2	2	—	—	100	13	1	41	8	1	125	86 00	1,519 21	Keyport, "
First, Long Branch	Charles J. Young	125	29	14	3	1	3	263	8	13	105	30	2	260	152 82	2,369 81	Long Branch, "
Colts Neck	George W. Labaw	110	3	2	7	—	4	185	4	2	107	50	2	110	161 51	1,141 64	Colts Neck, "
Highlands	Abraham W. Allen	22	2	1	—	—	—	32	2	1	18	—	1	96	10 00	46 00	Highlands, "
Asbury Park	William H. Ballagh	71	5	2	4	1	3	72	2	1	28	15	1	101	52 93	‖2,315 32	Asbury Park, "
	Total	749	67	32	25	2	20	1420	40	30	615	328	15	1282	$1,615 44	$18,332 49	

‖ Exclusive of Pastor's support.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schenck, Emeritus, Bradevelt, Monmouth County, N. J. Rev. Ransford Wells, D. D., Marlborough, Monmouth County, N. J Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth County, N. J.

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			On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	Ralph W. Brokaw	118	7	8	7	...	2	158	1	8	116	160	1	180	$406 25	$2,374 41	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First, Newark	William H. Gleason	175	7	18	6	...	4	383	5	3	...	200	2	500	1,340 11	7,594 17	Newark, " "
Irvington	Henry Vehslage, (s. c.)	90	1	2	8	...	3	159	2	...	31	50	1	185	12 00	1,675 00	Irvington, " "
Second, Newark	John A. Davis	100	11	10	8	...	3	162	4	2	...	...	1	300	493 13	4,636 36	Newark, " "
Franklin	Supplied	50	8	...	4	...	6	92	2	3	...	146	1	150	...	...	
North, Newark	David Waters	242	13	27	4	1	7	473	8	1	...	560	2	876	13,272 70	7,028 15	" " "
West, Newark	Carl Girtanner	80	25	1	1	...	2	243	108	...	40	22	1	200	13 60	2,574 32	" " "
Clinton ave., Newark	William J. R. Taylor	180	17	10	12	...	5	363	5	7	...	...	2	837	4,229 55	7,128 16	" " "
East, Newark	Supplied	43	...	5	3	...	1	53	13	...	...	...	1	200	9 00	459 28	
Linden	Oscar Gesner, (s. s.)	35	14	8	3	...	...	68	2	5	...	25	1	118	63 24	970 50	Linden, Union Co., "
Woodside	Supplied	†50	3	17	2	...	2	186	...	...	...	...	1	188	250 00	2,272 00	
Stone House Plains	William G. E. See	...	1	...	1	...	3	107	3	...	...	...	1	90	...	800 00	Brookdale, Essex Co., "
Orange	George S. Bishop	180	21	19	9	...	4	371	6	6	...	226	1	318	1,560 51	*3,693 90	East Orange, " "
Trinity, Plainfield	Andrew V. V. Raymond	155	11	30	10	...	3	251	4	3	...	42	1	230	1,601 77	6,150 08	Plainfield, Union Co., "
	Total	1458	139	155	78	1	45	3069	163	39	187	1431	17	4372	$23,251 86	$47,356 33	

*Exclusive of Minister's support. † Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J. Louis H. Bahler, Flemington, N. J. Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J. John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, New Brunswick	Thomas C. Easton	370	65	16	26	2	13	*738	23	22	330	165	1	478	$2,628 59	$3,954 38	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Vacant	155	44	8	15	---	6	343	7	12	150	50	5	300	785 92	1,413 48	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin, (s. c.)	160	20	14	9	---	4	295	10	2	200	100	7	200	267 68	1,200 00	Millstone, "
Middlebush	James LeFevre	80	4	6	9	---	2	155	2	1	105	115	1	130	360 00	2,019 00	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	John G. Gebhard	50	---	1	7	---	4	130	4	---	41	65	2	80	203 23	776 70	Griggstown, "
Second, New Brunswick	Mancius H. Hutton	191	19	6	13	---	4	410	8	2	172	204	2	335	2,940 10	5,836 98	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	David M. Talmage	65	20	9	3	---	5	131	2	10	25	166	1	166	81 15	1,023 06	Bound Brook, "
Third, New Brunswick	Carl Meyer, (s. c.)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Alex. McWilliam	70	11	6	6	---	1	160	2	---	30	30	1	75	150 00	1,284 00	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	James Cruikshanks	70	1	2	4	---	2	145	---	---	---	---	2	160	37 89	1,990 85	Metuchen, "
		1211	184	68	92	2	41	2507	58	49	1053	895	22	1924	$7,454 56	$19,498 43	

*Revised list.

Other Ministers.—William H. Campbell, Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, Profs. in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; P. J. Quick, Librarian of Sage Library; address of all, New Brunswick, N. J. John L. See, Secretary of Board of Education, 34 Vesey street, New York City. John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J. Eugene S. Booth and Kumage Kimura, Japan. Islay Walden, Lassiter Mills, N. C. John H. Bergen, Columbus, Ga. Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario. Edward Lord.

Candidates.—DeWitt T. Reiley, Prof. in Rutgers College, and Alex. G. Van Aken, both of New Brunswick, N. J. Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Acquacknonck	John Gaston	160	14	2	4	—	4	322	12	—	265	150	1	308	$1,599 28	$3,763 52	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	Nat'l H. Van Arsdale	100	1	2	1	—	1	170	5	—	149	150	1	180	626 45	12,301 31	Paterson, "
Centerville	John L. Stillwell ‡	19	4	3	—	—	—	43	—	1	1	175	1	175	172 39	1,307 35	Athenia, "
Clarkstown	Vacant	†86	5	5	3	—	10	123	2	—	124	10	1	75	167 23	1,168 13	Mount Moor, N. Y.
First, Holland, Paterson	James Huysoon	†95	2	9	—	—	4	160	20	—	188	48	1	92	135 75	809 22	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	40	2	5	11	—	1	48	2	—	105	—	1	45	20 00	327 05	Lodi, "
Holland, Passaic	William Wormser	110	7	2	3	2	1	154	11	—	366	90	1	210	106 60	1,709 05	Passaic, "
Holland, Wortendyke	John Smit	101	22	1	14	4	6	225	36	—	336	60	1	35	43 00	800 00	Wortendyke, "
Second, Lodi	Vacant	30	2	—	5	—	—	63	4	—	90	79	1	92	80 00	2,225 00	Lodi, "
North, Passaic	Asher Anderson	106	22	12	10	1	3	166	11	10	75	225	1	380	1,584 92	4,526 00	Passaic, "
Nyack	William H. Clark, (s. c.)	170	11	16	9	—	6	*340	9	3	155	283	1	322	1,360 67	4,701 40	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	John C. Van Deventer	110	6	—	1	—	4	200	2	—	130	86	1	86	392 00	1,596 17	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Loderwick	86	5	1	1	—	1	131	1	2	108	150	1	150	77 13	1,418 50	Park Ridge, "
Piermont	William C. Stitt	50	3	1	8	—	2	94	5	1	40	60	1	35	250 73	2,074 34	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	54	24	1	—	—	1	69	—	7	—	60	1	70	32 00	690 00	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys	William W. Letson	18	5	2	—	—	1	34	3	—	34	40	1	40	8 50	204 00	Ramseys, "
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	57	4	4	1	—	2	*78	6	—	42	40	1	125	73 50	1,506 90	Ridgewood, "
Saddle River	William E. Bogardus	55	2	—	—	—	—	95	2	—	50	60	1	60	68 75	908 32	Monsey, N. Y.
Second, Totowa	‡ John H. Duryea†																
	‡ Peter H. Milliken	140	13	7	6	—	—	276	15	3	161	168	1	332	637 27	5,395 78	Paterson, N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Crispell	†90	5	3	3	—	3	114	6	1	63	40	1	213	105 55	1,971 12	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	William H. Williamson	100	45	5	5	—	6	185	14	22	—	—	1	185	276 02	1,403 41	Tappantown, "
Warwick	Vernon B. Carroll	100	—	10	6	—	3	140	1	—	60	75	1	120	777 16	2,065 13	Warwick, "
West, New Hempstead	Vacant	37	2	—	2	—	1	67	1	1	23	—	1	50	65 53	558 31	Monsey, "
	Total	1914	206	91	93	7	60	3297	168	51	2565	2049	23	3430	$8,660 43	$53,430 01	

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, Asst. Editor, *N. Y. Observer*, 31 Park Row, N. Y. City. *Revised list. †Last year's report. ‡Pastor, Emeritus. §Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boonton	Albert A. King	63	4	1	7		3	103	2	1		70	1	100	$121 38	$1,005 00	Boonton, Morris Co. N. J.
Fairfield	James H. Owens	75	3				3	180		1	50	100	1		150 84	905 86	Fairfield, Essex Co. "
Franklin Furnace	Vacant	60	2					27		1	8		1	155	31 50	798 38	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co.
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	60	7	2				128	4				1	128	41 63	2,245 82	Little Falls, Passaic Co. N. J.
Montville	J. O. Van Fleet	86	1	2	4		2	148	2		50	101	1	114	90 92	1,264 18	Boonton, Morris " "
Sixth Paterson, Holland	H. R. Koopman	304	18	10	5		32	393	49		545	247	1	350	55 00	2,543 61	Paterson, Passaic " "
Pompton Plains	J. H. Whitehead	125	6	3	2		2	306	4	2			5	270	505 27	2,640 00	Pompton Plains, Morris Co. "
Pompton	Vacant	60	29	1	2		4	171		9			2	150	187 39	1,200 00	Pompton, Passaic Co. "
Ponds	Vacant	54	3		1		2	70	7				2	140	35 00	843 00	Oakland, Bergen " "
Preakness	Vacant	57	3		2			104	10		59		2	110	115 84	1,170 00	Paterson, Passaic " "
First Totowa	Julius S. Danner	190	5	6	4		1	242	4	3		130	1	408	1,481 50	3,065 47	" " " "
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	175	20	11	4	4	3	292	37	1	627	95	1	330	294 74	2,041 74	" " " "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle, (s.c.)	90	6	2	3		5	116	7		115	30	1	82	100 00	1,095 00	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
	Total	1399	107	38	34	4	57	2280	126	18	1454	773	20	2337	$3,211 01	$20,818 06	

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, County Supt. of Schools, Little Falls, N. J. Jas. Demarest, Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis. J. N. Jansen, Hackensack, Bergen Co., N. J. A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J. Jas. E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y. I. S. DeMund, Emeritus, Ridgewood, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Harlingen	Francis M. Kipp, Jr.	*140	8	9	10		5	*282	16				3	200	$158 73	$1,678 32	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	160	13	10	13		2	284	10	8	100	75	†4	236	386 61	860 00	Neshanic, N. J.
First Philadelphia	Wm. R. Taylor	75	2		25		5	175	5	1			1	184	656 74	2,977 99	1224 Spring Garden st., Phila.
Blawenburg	Wm. B. Voorhees, (s. c.)	98	9	5	5		3	258	4	1		20	1	150	330 00	1,300 00	Blawenburg, N. J.
Addisville	Isaac Collier	85	6		6		1	165		1	66		3	150	63 90	1,244 40	Richboro, Pa.
Rocky Hill	Vacant	66		1			1	150	2			70	1	84	145 19	848 94	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	155	16				1	*207	54			40	1	354	214 00	1,963 75	622 Otis st., Philadelphia.
Clover Hill	M. N. Oliver	75	3	2	10			180	1	3		75	1	75	117 97	1,025 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Three Bridges	Edward Birdsall	52	5	8	2	2	1	96	4	1			1	139	19 17	554 08	Three Bridges, N. J.
Second Philadelphia	Nathaniel I. Rubinkam	200	31	11	9	2	7	524	10	11			2	590	1,500 37	8,014 16	517 Brown st., Philadelphia.
Stanton	Charles W. Pitcher	90	6	6	5		1	166		2	2	100	1	100	56 55	1,106 35	Stanton, N. J.
Third Philadelphia	Vacant	35	1		2			73	7	1	7	62	1	75	260 83	974 03	857 N. Broad st., Philadelphia.
Fourth Philadelphia	Cornelius Schenck	*110	18	6			6	*260	12	4			1	473	340 60	5,007 24	Manayunk, Pa.
North and Southampton	Samuel Streng	130	10	10	7		5	258	6	6	150	150	5	395	500 16	1,650 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
	Total	1501	128	68	94	4	38	3078	131	39	325	592	26	3205	$4,800 82	$29,204 26	

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest, D. D., "The Rutland," Broadway and 57th st., N. Y. J. V. N. Talmage, D. D., Amoy, China. G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna st., Philadelphia. A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

*Revised list. †2 Union.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Raritan	J. Preston Searle	200	6	19	10	—	11	492	9	1	—	200	1	275	$1,001 72	$4,140 13	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington	Benjamin V. D. Wyckoff†	185	16	—	13	—	7	330	11	3	—	—	4	—	169 00	1,331 00	Readington, Hunterdon " "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	106	9	2	5	—	5	257	5	2	87	—	—	190	773 81	1,418 60	Bedminster, Somerset " "
Lebanon	William E. Davis	208	7	4	6	—	2	333	4	1	138	30	2	225	53 70	2,089 99	Lebanon, Hunterdon " "
Rockaway	Vacant ‡	95	1	1	13	—	3	198	13	—	85	—	4	200	117 43	1,200 00	White House, " " "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	126	7	13	20	1	6	196	10	1	—	40	1	85	349 74	1,229 26	North Branch, Somerset " "
Second, Raritan	Edward G. Read	210	11	28	12	2	4	596	10	3	—	125	1	330	698 24	6,952 09	Somerville, " " "
Peapack	George W. Scarlett	115	6	1	—	—	9	170	2	3	226	—	1	120	110 50	1,449 62	Peapack, " " "
Branchville	Vacant	102	11	6	14	—	4	284	8	3	—	—	1	176	244 93	930 81	South Branch, " " "
Third, Raritan	Charles H. Pool	116	14	10	15	—	4	315	5	—	112	275	1	310	561 10	1,981 23	Raritan, " " "
Easton	George M. S. Blauvelt	70	—	5	2	—	—	140	2	—	—	—	1	70	486 35	2,375 87	Easton, Northampton " Pa.
Plainfield, (German)	Vacant	30	7	2	—	—	2	48	11	1	1	1	1	35	—	526 66	Plainfield, Union " N. J.
Pottersville	Vacant	70	6	2	7	—	1	113	4	—	—	—	1	118	16 47	—	Pottersville, Hunterdon " "
High Bridge	Artemas Dean	75	7	—	4	—	1	100	6	3	—	145	1	145	45 05	979 93	High Bridge, " " "
Clinton Station	Vacant	13	12	3	12	—	1	154	3	1	3	105	1	105	95 53	729 20	Annandale, " " "
4th, Raritan, (German)	Frederick E. Schlieder	35	13	—	—	—	—	53	4	—	—	4	1	56	—	353 95	Somerville, Somerset " "
	Total	1836	133	96	133	3	60	3689	111	22	652	925	22	2440	$4,723 57	$27,688 34	

† Pastors elect. ‡ Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, N. J. Rev. J. F. Mesick, (c. c.,) Blawenburgh, N. J. Rev. B. T. Stateslr, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J. Rev. C. H. Edgar, Easton, Pa. Rev. William Bailey, Cedar Hill, Albany County, N. Y.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED. Infants.	BAPTIZED. Adults.	BAPTIZED. *Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S.S. No. of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. & S.S. Total number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	17	18	..	1121	162	70	24	1	29	2385	364	27	165	1148	20	3442	$3,760 10	$37,097 24	Peter V. Van Buskirk.
South Classis of Bergen	13	15	..	1333	367	81	44	1	35	2227	215	18	926	1566	15	3146	4,791 87	41,803 23	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	13	..	749	67	32	25	2	20	1420	40	30	615	328	15	1283	1,615 44	18,332 49	Theodore W. Wells.
Classis of Newark	14	15	..	1458	139	155	78	1	45	3069	163	39	187	1431	17	4372	23,251 80	47,356 33	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	19	21	3	1211	184	68	92	2	41	2507	58	49	1053	895	22	1924	7,454 56	19,498 43	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	21	..	1914	206	91	93	7	60	3297	168	51	2565	2049	23	3430	8,660 42	53,430 01	William H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic	13	15	..	1399	107	38	34	4	57	2280	126	18	1454	773	20	2337	3,211 01	20,818 06	Samuel T. Searle.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	16	..	1501	128	68	94	4	38	3078	131	39	325	592	26	3205	4,800 82	29,204 26	William B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	16	20	..	1826	133	96	135	3	60	3689	111	22	652	925	22	2440	4,723 57	27,688 34	John F. Mesick.
Total	139	154	3	12522	1493	699	617	25	385	23952	1376	293	7942	9707	180	25576	$62,269 66	$295,228 39	

*Fifty-seven Churches make no report of Baptized non-Communicants

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Minutes of all the Classes have been examined, and they were found in order; but your Committee would call attention to the following references: In the Classis of South Bergen the following churches make no report of Benevolence: 3rd. Bayonne, 1st. German Evangelical, Jersey City, St. John's German Evangelical of Bergen.

In the Classis of Monmouth, no answers were given to the Constitutional Questions, because of the absence of representatives from the churches of Holmdel and Highlands.

In the Classis of Newark, in the absence of a representative from Woodside, no answers were given to the Constitutional Questions.

The Classis of New Brunswick sends no minutes to this Synod.

In the Classis of Paramus no report was received from the Church of Ridgewood, because of the absence of any representative.

The Constitutional Questions were answered as follows: ("No" is inserted where "yes" is not catagorically given).

QUESTIONS.	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Bergen.....	—	5 noes	—	—	1 no.	—	9 noes.
South Bergen.	1 no.	1 no.	—	—	—	—	8 "
Monmouth....	—	2 noes.	—	—	—	—	5 "
Newark.....	—	4 "	2 noes.	2 noes.	1 no.	1 no.	7 "
New Brunswick.	No Report.						
Paramus.....	—	3 "	—	—	1 no.	2 noes.	17 "
Passaic.....	—	7 "	1 no.	1 no.	—	—	10 "
Philadelphia...	—	5 "	—	1 "	—	2 noes.	9 "
Raritan.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 "

A. McWILLIAM, *Chairman.*



ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported on the appeal case referred to them as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

An appeal has been referred to your Committee, made from a decision of the Classis of Monmouth by Mrs. E. Henrietta Reid on her complaint against the Consistory of the Church of Asbury Park. After due examination we report that the papers are in order according to the Constitution, [Chap. V., Sec. 1, sub. sec. 23, (1).], and recommend that the appeal be heard in the usual order as directed in the constitution, [Chap. V., section 1, sub. sec. 23, (14, 1–7)], and that the hearing of said appeal be made the order of the day for 11:15 o'clock.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

When the case was called, the appellant not appearing either in person or by counsel, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, When the appeal from the decision of the Classis of Monmouth was called for consideration the appellant did not appear either in person or by representative, therefore

Resolved, That in accordance with the Constitution (Chap. V., Art. 14, sec. 4,) the appeal be dismissed.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows on the application of the German Church of Plainfield, which was accepted and adopted:

An application has been received from the Reformed (German) Church of Plainfield asking to be transferred from the

Classis of Raritan to the Classis of Newark. The reason assigned is that it is desirable that both Reformed Churches in that City should belong to the same Classis. Trinity Church of Plainfield belongs to the Classis of Newark already, and that Classis is geographically most accessible. The Classis of Raritan concurs officially in the request.

Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the request of the Reformed (German) Church of Plainfield to be transferred from the Classis of Raritan to the Classis of Newark be granted, such transfer to take effect immediately.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The following report of the Committee on Temperance was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed by the last Synod to confer with similar committees of other religious denominations in New Jersey in regard to Temperance work respectfully report:

Your Committee met in joint session with committees of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches in the city of New Brunswick, in December, 1883. Seventeen of the twenty-five members of the joint committee were present. A deep, serious, and prayerful interest was manifest in all the deliberations. Without exception it was felt by the brethren that a most important move had been made in the right direction in bringing to bear the utterance and influence of the organized Church of Christ upon a matter so closely connected with her progress, which feeling was voiced by one member in the remark, that that Committee meeting was the most hopeful Temperance meeting he had ever attended. The Committee emphatically expressed the conviction that the Church could no longer consistently maintain silence with regard to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that to rid the land of the evils of intemperance logically involves a removal of the cause; that the Church is acting properly and within her sphere in urging the legal prohibition of the drink traffic; and therefore after a lengthy and frank interchange of views,

adopted a resolution praying the Legislature of the State of New Jersey to submit to a vote of the people of the State a constitutional amendment forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

This seemed to be the only *practical* action the joint committee could take at the present time. It was considered desirable that the denominations represented should continue their committees of conference on Church Temperance work, and that other denominations should be induced, if possible, to appoint similar committees. That the Reformed Church may continue to have a voice and influence with the others in the suppression of intemperance and its attendant evils, your Committee recommend that this Synod appoint a committee of five to confer and act with similar committees of other denominations on Temperance during the coming year.

CHAS. H. POOL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations reported the names of last year's Committee on Temperance and recommended that the same be continued, which was done. The following is the Committee: Revs. Charles H. Pool, Cornelius Brett, Edward T. Corwin, Thomas C. Easton, Isaac P. Brokaw.

The following instruction was given to the above committee:

Resolved, That the Committee on Temperance persevere in the same line they have already pursued, and endeavor, if it be practicable, to obtain from the Legislature of the State of New Jersey an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

No report was received from the Committee on Church Visitation.

The following is the Committee for the coming year: Revs. Ransford Wells, Wm. C. Stitt, Edward Birdsall, J. O. Van Fleet, Wm. H. Williamson, John G. Gebhard.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The following report was received from the Committee: The Committee on Church Extension respectfully report that they have held no meeting during the year, because there has been no exigency demanding it. But the work of Church extension has progressed, as usual, under the care of the Classical Committee. Reference will be found thereto in the annual reports of the several Classes.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

The following Committee on Church Extension was appointed: Revs. Samuel Streng, B. V. D. Wyckoff, Asher Anderson, Wm. R. Duryee, Wm. W. Knox, H. W. F. Jones.



ARTICLE XVIII.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

By request of the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Chas. H. Pool presented the condition and claims of Mission work, when, on motion, the Synod spent an hour in conference and prayer on the subject of our foreign and home missionary work.

A special committee consisting of Rev. Asher Anderson, Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, and Elder Jas. A. Williamson was appointed to report the sentiment of the Synod as expressed in the Conference.

The following is the report of the Special Committee on Missions, which was accepted and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Particular Synod of New Brunswick, having learned with a profound sense of thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church, that opportunities are frequently presenting themselves for the extension of the interests of our denomination in both Domestic and Foreign Missions; and

WHEREAS, It has been learned that the present contributions do not prove sufficient for carrying out the purposes and plans of Church extension; therefore,

Resolved, That Woman's Auxiliaries and both Domestic and Foreign Mission Boards be established in all the churches within the bounds of this Synod; that the monthly concert be held at some time during the first week of each month, in order to bring all the churches together in prayer and in consideration of missionary work; and that a monthly contribution be taken in each and every church for missions.

Your Committee would also make reference to the earnest desire so prevalent in the churches that the interest of our beloved denomination be advanced in this country as far as this possibly can be done, and to the attainment of which it appears practicable to employ a capable agent, who shall be set aside to the peculiar work of organizing and developing churches wherever opportunity may be found; and they would therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick petition the General Synod to appoint or direct the Board of Domestic Missions to appoint an agent whose special work it shall be to attend to the organization and development of churches wherever opportunity shall be present or it shall be deemed advisable.

ASHER ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

TREASURY.

The Treasurer's report was received, read and referred to the proper Committee, and is as follows :

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*, in account with

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

1883.	DR.	
	To amount brought over.....	$286.79
Sept. 7,	To cash received from Rev. William H. Clark, Treasurer Classis of Paramus.....	20.00
Oct. 17,	To cash rec'd from Rev. A. McWilliam, Treasurer Classis of New Brunswick	10.00
Oct. 24,	To cash rec'd from Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Treasurer Classis of Monmouth, for 1882 assessment.....	16.00
Oct. 24,	To cash rec'd from Rev. E. Birdsall, Treasurer Classis of Philadelphia..	18.00
Oct 26,	To cash rec'd from Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Treasurer Classis of Monmouth, (1883.).....	8.00
Dec. 31,	To cash rec'd from Rev. P. T. Pockman, Treasurer South Classis of	
1884.	Bergen.....	12.50
Apr. 2,	To cash rec'd from Rev. H. Vehslage, Treasurer Classis of Newark.....	13.00
Apr. 7,	To cash rec'd from Rev. F. M. Bogardus, Treasurer Classis of Bergen....	12.00
Apr. 17,	To cash rec'd from Rev P. M. Doolittle, Treasurer Classis of Raritan..	18.50
Apr. 21,	To cash rec'd from Rev. J. H. Owens, Treasurer Classis of Passaic.....	15.00
		$429.79

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1883.		
May.	By cash paid Rev. Chas. H. Pool, S. C..	$10.57
"	" " " Rev. Asher Anderson.....	1.95
June 4,	" " " The Unionist GazetteAss'n.	98.04
Nov. 18,	" " " Rev. Chas. S. Pool, S. C...	50.00
1884.		$160.56
April 30,	By balance on hand.....	269.23
		$429.79

The Committee on Treasurer's account respectfully report that they have examined the same and find it correct. The Committee also recommend that the assessment proposed by the Treasurer for the coming year, viz, half the usual amount, be adopted.

ISAAC D. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 8:30 o'clock, A. M., 2 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., as the hours of assembling, and 12 M., and 5 P. M., as the hours of adjournment.

The first hour after the opening of Synod, and the first half hour of each Morning Session were spent in devotional exercises.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon. The President, Rev. Theo. W. Wells, presided and read the Form. Rev. J. Howard Suydam offered prayer. Rev. Edward G. Read distributed the bread and Rev. David M. Talmage gave the cup. the elders John L. Merrill, A. W. Givin, Byron Thornton, and Philip P. Van Arsdale assisting in the distribution.

On Wednesday evening Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, by appointment, gave the special discourse on "The necessity of a more faithful presentation of the Catechetical Doctrines of the Reformed Church," taking as his text 2 Tim. 1:13. On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to Dr.

Bishop for the sermon upon Catechetical Instruction preached this evening.

Resolved, That (Dr. Bishop consenting), the Synod request the Board of Publication to publish the sermon above referred to, and to issue the same as a tract of the Church.

The following were appointed to give the special discourse before the next Synod: Rev. Peter H. Milliken, *primarius;* Rev. Edward G. Read, *secundus*. Subject, "How shall the Church meet the infidelity of the day?"

The presence of Rev. H. V. S. Myers, of Newburg, in the particular Synod of New York, and of Rev. C. W. McPherson, pastor of the M. E. Church of Warwick, was recognized, and they were invited to sit with the Synod.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That all the Classes within the bounds of this particular Synod be requested to pay the expenses of their delegates incurred in attending General Synod.

Resolved, That hereafter the President of each Synod shall be, *ex officio*, the chairman of the Committee on Classical Reports, who shall present a digest of the same to the next Synod, and that the Classes be requested to hold their stated Spring Sessions not later than the Second Tuesday in April, that the chairman of this committee may have adequate time to prepare his report.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby given to the pastor, consistory and members of this church and congregation for the cordial hospitality extended in their entertainment; and also to the ladies for their beautiful floral decorations.

An invitation from elder John L. Merrill of the First Reformed Church of Orange to hold the next annual session of the Synod in that church was accepted with thanks.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have 450 copies of the minutes of this session printed.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the sexton $5 for his services.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations by the Classes were confirmed:



Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. George Seibert,	Elder Henry Van Buskirk,
" Wm. R. Gordan, D. D.,	" Thomas Ray,
" Wm. H. Scudder,	" Henry Bell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. S. Wright,	Elder Jacob Newkirk,
" Isaac E. House,	" John Wilson,
" Francis M. Bogardus,	" Jacob Westervelt.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D.,	Elder C. C. Van Reypen,
" William W. Knox,	" Garret E. Winants,
" Wm. Westerfield, Jr.,	" T. P. Sherwood.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry W. F. Jones,	Elder Isaac I. Vanderbeck,
" Philetus T. Pockman,	" B. M. Franks,
" Wm. R. Duryee, D.D.,	" Jas. C. Lindsay.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Theodore W. Wells,	Elder Addison W. Hobart,
" George W. Labaw,	" John Statesir, Jr.,
" William Reiley, D.D.,	" John H. Heyer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Elias Mead,	Elder Garret V. Luyster,
" Abm. W. Allen,	" John Smock,
" Chas. D. Buck, D. D.,	" Henry V. Luyster.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry Vehslage,	Elder S. R. W. Heath,
" Geo. S. Bishop, D. D.,	" William H. Kirk,
" Ralph W. Brokaw,	" David Bingham.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Charles E. Hart, D. D.,	Elder Philip P. Van Arsdale,
" Oscar Gesner,	" John L. Merrill,
" John A. Davis,	" J. S. Treat.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James Le Fevre,	Elder John DeMott,
" John G. Gebhard,	" Lawrence Vanderveer,
" Edward T. Corwin, D. D.,	" John L. Oakey.

SECUNDI.

Rev Thomas C. Easton, D. D.,	Elder James Wood,
" Alex. Mc William,	" Wm. H. Ayres,
" Mancius H. Hutton, D. D.,	" Peter A. Vandeventer.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Cornelius Crispell, D. D.,	Elder John W. Ferdon,
" Vernon B. Carroll,	" Gilbert G. Cooper,
" Robert M. Offord,	" Isaac C. Haring,
" John A. Van Neste,	" Edo Kip.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Asher Anderson,	Elder T. V. B. Zabriskie,
" Edward Lodewick,	" John T. Haring,
" William Wormser,	" Hugh Cheyne,
" John C. Van Deventer,	" William Row.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. R. Koopman,	Elder John Witte,
" H. E. Nies,	" J. Cornelisse,
" Albert A. King,	" A. D. Bogert.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James H. Owens,	Elder H. V. Doremus,
" Jonah Vaughn,	" Chas. Crane,
" Julius L. Danner,	" John Wortman.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel Streng,	Elder Chas. Lefferts,
" Cornelius Schenck,	" A. W. Givin,
" Chas. W. Pitcher.	" W. H. Demott.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Francis M. Kip, Jr.,	Elder J. S. Hoagland,
" Wm. R. Taylor,	" H. A. Bower,
" Wm. B. Voorhees,	" J. V. H. Whitlock.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Benj. T. Statesir,	Elder C. N. Dumont,
" Gilbert Lane,	" Peter J. Quick,
" J. Preston Searle	" Rynear H. Veghte.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John L. McNair,	Elder Henry M. Demun,
" William E. Davis,	" A. J. Kramer,
" Philip M. Doolittle.	" Abm. Dumont.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following were reported by the Committee on Nominations and appointed :

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. P. M. Doolittle. *Secundus*, Rev. Wm. H. Gleason.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.—Primarius, Rev. Vernon B. Carroll. *Secundus*, Rev. Isaac Collier.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. Jas. LeFevre. *Secundus*, Rev. Philip Furbeck.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

It was *Resolved*, That when Synod adjourn it be to meet in the First Reformed Church of Orange, N. J., on the first Tuesday of May, 1885, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by the President.

THEO. W. WELLS, *President.*
EDWARD G. READ, *Vice-President.*

WM. H. WILLIAMSON, }
P. T. POCKMAN, } *Clerks pro tem.*

A true copy of the original minutes.

CHAS. H. POOL, *Stated Clerk.*



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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

THE Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Stated Session in the First Reformed Church of Orange, N. J., on Tuesday, May 5, 1885, at 3 o'clock P. M., and continued in session until 11:30 P. M. on Wednesday.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Theodore W. Wells, who, as retiring President, preached the Synodical sermon in the evening from 1 Timothy 4:13, middle clause: "Give attendance to reading."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Francis M. Bogardus, Chas. S. Wright, Wm. R. Gordon, D. D. *Elders*, John Gardner, Wm. S. Harris.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Wm. Vaughan, Henry Mattice, Wm. R. Duryee, D. D., Gottlieb Andrea. *Elders*, Albert Cheesebro', Jas. A. Williamson, Jacob Van Horne, C. C. Van Reypen.

Classis of Monmouth.—Minister, Rev. Theodore W. Wells.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, David Waters, D. D. George S. Bishop, D. D. *Elders*, Wm. Robb, James Browe, C. H. Merry.

Classis of New Brunswick.— Ministers, John G. Gebhard, Jas. Le Fevre, Thomas C. Easton, D. D. *Elders*, Cornelius Bergen, Wm. Wyckoff.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, N. H. Van Arsdale, P. H. Milliken, Wm. Manchee, John Smit. *Elders*, A. D. Hill, Albert Smith.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, Samuel T. Searle, J. Le Moyne Danner, Philip Furbeck. *Elder*, John G. Hopper.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Francis M. Kip, Wm. R. Taylor, J. E. Crane, N. I. M. Bogart. *Elders*, Peter Van Nuise, Stephen Voorhees.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Geo. M. S. Blauvelt, Artemas Dean, Garret Wyckoff, Jr. *Elders*, Edward F. Stewart, David L. Apgar, Wm. A. Young.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D. was elected *President.*

Rev. David Waters, D. D., was elected *Vice President.*

Rev. Francis M. Bogardus and Rev. Peter H. Milliken were elected *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The minutes of the session of May, 1884, were read. The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.



ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of these was omitted.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Samuel T. Searle, J. E. Crane. der, Wm. S. Harris.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. N. H. Van Arsdale, F. M. Kip. der, Albert Cheesebro'.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. Theo. W. Wells, J. LeMoyne nner. Elder, James Browe.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. Wm. R. Gordon, H. Van Arsdale. Elder, Jas. A. Williamson.

On Nominations.—Revs. Henry Mattice, A. Dean. Elder, n. Robb.

On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. N. I. M. Bogart, Garret Wyckoff. ler, Wm. Wyckoff.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

An appeal of the Consistory of the Third Church of Philaphia from certain proceedings and actions of the Classis of ladelphia at its Spring session, April 21, 1885.

A paper from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Philadela containing extracts from the minutes of the Classis with rence to the acts appealed from.

The above appeal and paper with all the documents in the case

were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

3. A letter from the Consistory of the Third Church of Philadelphia inviting the Synod to hold its regular session in 1886 in their Church.

4. The Synod also received an invitation to meet in the Reformed Church of Lafayette, Jersey City, in May, 1886.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New York were received; also a letter from Rev. B. B. Staats, delegate from the Particular Synod, conveying the fraternal greetings of that Synod to this body.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of the General Synod, and find that the Committee on the State of Religion, presented the following resolution, (see page 465). "That the Stated Clerks of the Particular Synods are hereby instructed to send the printed Minutes of the Synods to the President of the General Synod at the earliest practicable moment that he may prepare a digest of the same."

The attention of the Stated Clerk of this Particular Synod is called to this resolution.

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports offered the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee to whom have been referred the reports on the state of religion from the Classes of the Synod, having examined the same and the statistical tables appended thereto, are unable to bring such cheering tidings as characterized last year's report.

They find abundant cause for hearty thanksgiving to Almighty God in the continued efficiency of the means of grace and the numerous tokens of Divine favor received by the Churches. But last year was a year of extraordinary blessing unequalled in its accessions to the church from the world, save in the great revival year of 1876 and 7. This year, though one of lesser blessing, will take rank by its side as a year of the right hand of the Most High.

For the purpose of outlining the condition of the Churches—God's work through them and their work for God—your Committee present the following:

I. STATISTICS.

The number of Churches is 131. An increase since the last report of one, and since the organization of the Synod in 1869 of 24.

The number of Ministers has been augmented by an addition of 2; 5 have been removed by death, and 6 dismissed to other denominational bodies, from whom 4 have been received. There are 4 candidates for the ministry, an increase of one.

The number of families is 12,436, a decrease since the last report of 35. The diminution is probably more apparent than actual, as several Churches report "revised lists."

The number received on confession of faith is 1,274, which is 19 less than the last year's accessions; but 160 greater than the early average since the organization of the Synod, and 206 more than the yearly average of the preceeding five years. Only 16 Churches report no conversions, and of this number 10 are vacant. 5 Churches have received a larger number on confession than during the last year, and 4 Churches make mention of unusual outpourings of the Holy Spirit.

The additions by certificate are 638, which is 61 less than the number so received last year, and 101 less than the number dismissed to other Churches.

The accessions by confession and certificate when compared with the losses occasioned by dismission, suspension and deaths, if it be proper to count among our losses those who have died, show an increase of 804; but the reported total in communion of 24,438 is only 86 greater than it was a year ago.

The substantial gain of the year on the basis of last year's

report has therefore been an increase in Church membership of only 86. Such a meager showing, when the Lord has given us 1,274 souls, 804 more than the losses of the year by dismission, suspension, and death, is occasioned by the prevailing irregularity in the revision of the Church rolls.

A general revision at stated periods, it seems to your committee, would add greatly to the value of the statistical tables. If every five years, there was a careful examination of the list of communicants, and an actual numbering of the families of the congregation by every consistory, the reports from the Churches would give us a clearer knowledge of their growth than now they do, and a better understanding of the situation.

Fifteen Sabbath Schools have been organized and the total enrollment increased 1,176 in excess of past years. But the reported number of Catechumens is 359 less. If this is evidence that catechetical instruction is neglected, it is one of the saddest features of the reports. It is certainly surprising that in Sabbath Schools with a total enrollment of 26,752, there are only 7,7[illegible] receiving catechetical instruction. 36 Churches report no Catechumens. One Church with 196 Sabbath School scholars reports one Catechumen. We cannot believe this to be a true statement of the case, and yet we would urge the Churches to give more earnest heed to the thorough instruction of the scholars of the Sabbath School in the Heidelberg Catechism.

The contributions for Benevolent purposes are $59,219.48. This is $3,050.18 less than was given last year, but $4,277.58 greater than the yearly average of the preceding ten years.

The contributions for Congregational purposes are $259,354.97. This is $35,873.42 less than was given last year, but $802.90 more than the yearly average of the preceding ten years.

The shrinkage in the differings of the Churches has doubtless been occasioned by the prevailing business depression. In view of a cause so apparent for the regretted decline, we cannot regard it as an evidence of waning zeal for the cause of Christ, but are constrained to rejoice that in the midst of paralyzed industries the grace of God has enabled His people to offer so abundantly. The pressing needs of the Lord's work, as represented by the Benevolent Boards of our Church, call us, however, to the greatest self-denial for the Master's sake; and we should not rest content

with any measure of liberality that does not merit the encomium: "They have done what they could."

2. STATE OF RELIGION.

The condition of the Churches as portrayed by these statements is exceedingly hopeful. And when, with these results of the year's labors before us, we turn from the report of one Classis to another, and find in all the Churches, with exceptions too rare to be enumerated, that the work of the Lord is being diligently executed, that the Gospel has been faithfully preached, the children instructed in the Sabbath School, the ordinances of the Sanctuary regularly administered, and the means of grace well attended by the people; we have every indication of a robust spiritual life, giving promise of a glorious future and encouraging us to abound more and more in labor and in prayer for the triumph of the Gospel at home and the spread of the Gospel abroad.

He who has called us to be co-workers together with Him is in the midst of the churches, mighty to save. Through His rich grace 1,274 souls have been taught a new song of praise and, rejoicing in the blessedness of forgiven sin, are prepared to fulfill the wise purposes of the Captain of their Salvation towards the fallen and perishing. Infidelity may declare that 1,274 conversions in 131 Churches numbering 24,038 Communicants "is a disproportionate relation of results to means;" but the blood-bought Church of Christ, apprehending the value of an immortal soul, in unison with the angels of God in Heaven rejoicingly exclaim: "Behold what hath God wrought!" The zeal and consecration of the Church are more clearly revealed by faithfulness in labor and in giving to the Lord's work as the Lord prospers us, than by the most brilliant victories over the Lord's enemies. The labor is ours, the issue is God's; with the Church as with the individual, faithfulness is far more to be desired than success. The promise of the Master is: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

3. NECROLOGY.

Your Committee, in examining the reports of the Classis, have been frequently reminded that we are living and toiling beneath the shadow of death. During the year the following brethren have finished their course and entered into rest: The Rev. Leo-

pold Mohn, D. D., of the Classis of Bergen, February 8, 1885; the Rev. Abraham W. Allen, of the Classis of Monmouth, Dec. 12, 1884; the Rev. Islay Walden, of the Classis of New Brunswick, April, 1884; the Rev. H, R. Koopman, of the Classis of Passaic, June 24, 1884; the Rev. Cornelius H. Edgar, D. D., of the Classis of Raritan, Dec. 24, 1884.

The list is a long one, and indicates a greater mortality among the ministry than in any previous year in the history of the Synod. Through it God is saying to us, "Thou shalt die, and not live." The warning should not be in vain, but should issue in the solemn purpose, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

4. RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Committee, in closing their reports offer the following:

Resolved, That it becometh us most heartily to thank the gr[illegible] God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the prosperity of t[illegible] churches and the blessing they have received from on high, a[illegible] earnestly to supplicate a continuance of the Spirit's presence wit[illegible] greater power, and the grace we need to make us faithful in th[illegible] work God has given us to do.

Resolved, That the attention of the General Synod be called t[illegible] the desirableness of a general revision of the Church rolls a[illegible] stated periods, and that the Synod be requested to take the[illegible] necessary action for the inauguration of the custom.

All of which, with the Classical reports, is respectfully submitted.

THOS. W. WELLS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report, that most all of the Churches on the roll of Classis have sent their several reports to the chairman, as notified. To give a correct view of the state of religion within our bounds, it is only fair, first to let the respective consistories speak for themselves.

The Church of *English Neighborhood* begins by saying: "We are unable to communicate anything of special interest. Being the third in age of the Churches of our Classis, it is natural that your attention should in any special manner be given to it, and a desire be felt for its prosperity; and it is with painful feeling that year after year we are compelled to write discouragingly." Just

here, your Committee, calling attention to this delicate indication of Classical duty, the rest of the report being much in the same strain, and ending with the words: "Brethren in our common Lord, shall we not have your sympathies and prayers," would say that it obviously becomes the immediate duty of the Classis, in our judgment to give special attention and prompt action to the business of doing all that can be done as to the exigencies and wants of this Church already so long in a languishing condition. Sympathy and prayer are necessary, but they are worthless, however loudly expressed, unless they lead to efficient remedies for those in whose behalf they are solicited, when such remedies are within the power to which the eyes of supplication are directed.

The *First Church of Hackensack* sends its report in the figures composing its statistical table, which indicate that it is in a promising condition of prosperity.

The Church of *Schraalenberg.*—We are told, "The services are well attended and much interest is manifested in all the work of this church. The members have been greatly revived, and the consistory anticipate much fruit as the result of increased activities."

New Durham Church is yet without a pastor, and, having received no report for this, we repeat the report of last year.

Park Reformed Church of Jersey City reports itself as in a prosperous condition, its Sunday School is large and well conducted, most of the teachers being godly, consistent and loyal to the interests of the Church. Weekly meetings are well attended, and the services of Sunday evenings have more than met the expectations of Consistory.

First Hoboken.—No report has been received from this Church.

Second Hackensack.—No report from this Church.

North Bergen.—This Church has received continuous pastoral services, and as a consequence a more enlarged attendance has been the cheering result. The efforts of the members to sustain the work of the Lord with increased zeal and earnestness are mentioned in connection with largely increased liberality.

German Evangelical Church of Hoboken.—The Consistory has sent the usual statistical table, unaccompanied with any verbal statement of religious affairs, but the figures indicate a gratifying spiritual growth and prosperity. Its beloved pastor has been removed from a large field of usefulness, and the Church has our

sympathies and our prayers for the outpouring of an enlarg blessing from the Lord.

*Third (*German*) Church of Hackensack.*—This Church joices in the fact of becoming self-sustaining, and that it is longer in need of the benefactions of the Domestic Board whi have been cheerfully given for the last 26 years. "The past ye has been one of great blessing. Services well attended, numb of communicants larger than ever before. Sunday School is in very prosperous state, being on the increase, as to scholars, almo every Sabbath. Twenty-one have been added to the previo membership."

Closter City.—This Church reports a larger membership th year than ever before. The means of grace have been we attended. A Ladies' Missionary Society has been established good working order, and the Sunday School has been well su tained.

Church of the Palisades.—The ordinances of Religion hav been faithfully observed during the year, several new families hav united with the congregation, the Sabath School enjoys a growin prosperity, and a unanimity observable among the people of sub stantial strength beyond that of former years.

Guttenberg.—This Church is without a pastor, and, havin received no report from the Consistory, we can only repeat th statistics as recorded last year.

Central Avenue, Jersey City.—This Church has much to b thankful for. The prospect of growth is exceedingly encouraging The balance of the purchase money of the Church property ha been raised, the current expenses met, contributions for benevo lent purposes have more than doubled those of the last year while new members have been added at every communion.

Cherry Hill.—The pulpit of this Church has been recentl vacated, and not having received any report from its Consistory your Committee simply repeat its statistics in the general table o Classis.

Secaucus.—Respecting this Church, the same thing must b said.

Our statistical table, as compared with that of last year, show a decrease in the reception of members both by confession an certificate, by the number of 44 of the former, and 42 of th latter; yet in the aggregate, the total in communion of this yea

is below that of the last only by 13. As to the matter of benevolence, we have fallen behind last year in the sum of $374.21, which we greatly regret.

We have lost by death the Rev. Dr. Mohn, and by removal to another charge the Rev. James E. Graham. The Second Reformed Church of Hackensack, so long vacant, has been happily supplied with the ministrations of the gospel in the settlement of the Rev. Arthur Johnson. Rev. William H. Scudder has been dismissed to the Congregational Association of Chicago; Rev. Charles Parker, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Alexander Shaw, to the North Classis of Long Island, and the Licentiate, Horace G. Underwood, to the Presbytery of Jersey City. New Durham Church, and those of German Hoboken, Guttenberg, Cherry Hill, and Secaucus present pastoral vacancies which need to be supplied with competent ministers in the shortest possible time.

From the facts above given, it appears that during the past year the means of Grace have been faithfully employed by our pastors, and well observed by our members. The general attendance upon the preaching of the Word and prayer-meeting exercises have been uniformly good. Sabbath Schools prosper, and harmony prevails. One of our German churches, long struggling with unavoidable difficulties, has at length become self-sustaining, and we rejoice in the success reported. Thus we have much encouragement in the work of the Lord. On the other hand, we are called upon to sympathise with another, suffering a sore bereavement in the death of our beloved Brother Mohn, endeared to us all no less than to them; and since Classis has not met since that sad event, it is incumbent on us now to make a more suitable record in such resolutions to be entered on our classical records, and sent to this beloved Church and his afflicted family, as will be formally expressive of our sentiments and feelings. We, moreover, sincerely mourn over the apparently small amount of fruit realized from our labors during the last ecclesiastical year, having received but one hundred and eighteen from the world upon confession of faith in all our churches. Nevertheless, in this day of strange things occurring in the Church of God, we must not estimate success by numbers. We believe that God's Word faithfully preached is the ordained means whereby the Holy Spirit operates for the conversion of sinners, and that in his own time,

he will make it effectual to the salvation of all his people within our bounds, not yet enrolled. Therefore our duty is to labor on in our respective charges lovingly, diligently, and prayerfully; commending our efforts to Him who often brings great results from feeble instrumentality. With thanksgiving for all His mercies, and high hopes for the future, we pray for continued and abundant success.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GORDON, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of the Churches render the following report:

We note many improvements in our church buildings and that one new church has been built; also an increase in contributions, especially to benevolent objects. Regular services have been kept up throughout the year in all the Churches, and the Spirit's presence has resulted in the conversion of souls. The Sunday Schools are in good working order. Yet there has not been such a marked increase in membership as last year.

The *Church of Bergen* reports: The exterior of the church edifice has been repainted, and the interior remodelled and tastefully decorated. The organ has been enlarged and moved to a new gallery behind the pulpit. The attendance is now much larger and there is every evidence of temporal and spiritual prosperity. No extensive revival is reported; still, evidences of the Spirit's presence have not been wanting. Great sadness is expressed because of the death of Lewis A. Brigham, who has, for nearly twenty years, faithfully served as Sunday School Superintendent.

The *First Church of Jersey City* gives only a statistical report.

The *First Church of Bayonne* reports: 1st. An increased attendance on the means of Grace. 2nd. An increased liberality. 3rd. A spirit of harmony and unity, and a steady growth in the Sunday School. "Also the completion of a building for our mission, an addition of twenty to our membership on confession, and a zeal that promises greater results during the year to come."

The *Second Church of Jersey City* reports: There is "nothing very encouraging or disheartening." The morning services and weekly prayer meetings have been well attended, the latter by a



increasing number of young people. The Sabbath School is growing, and several of the scholars are seeking Christ. The young have instruction from their pastor in the Compendium. Because of a changing community they have lost several active members. "The question now is, how shall we adjust our ecclesiastical machinery to the new order of things? How shall we gather in different classes of people and at the same time support our churches? How shall we extend the sphere of our labor for the salvation of souls, and at the same time pay our expenses?"

The *Church of Bergen Point* reports: The general condition of this Church is hopeful, the attendance at public worship being good, and the interest felt very encouraging.

The *Second Church of Hudson City* gives only a statistical report. From this we find the church in a flourishing condition.

The *Church of Lafayette* reports: A chapel has been built for the Sunday School and weekly meetings, and the old room remodelled for social gatherings. The gifts for benevolence are larger than for some years. There has been great steadiness in the attendance on the services. Because of a changing community more have been dismissed than received. "Death has come to sadden us greatly, especially in removing from us Mrs. Charlotte W. Duryee, the wife of our pastor. For over twenty years she has been a leader in every good work and a hearty sympathizer in every advance of the Saviour's Kingdom, and her death has cast a shadow over every heart. Yet we trust and pray that this bereavement and others like it, may result in more earnestness and watchfulness among those of us who remain on earth, and may be the means of blessing to those who have been careless in religious matters."

The *Church of Greenville* reports: As the result of the faithful observance of the means of Grace seven have united with the church on confession and thirteen by letter. The membership is larger than ever before. A ladies' prayer meeting is maintained with interest. A young people's prayer meeting has been started with great success. The Sabbath School has been well conducted. The Woman's Missionary Society has done excellent work. There has been more given for benevolence than heretofore. The church, for the first time in its history, is free from debt.

The *Free Church of Jersey City* reports Two regular Sabbath

services, four weekly prayer meetings, and the Sabbath School, are well sustained. The Sabbath School is growing. There is evidence of a steady Christian advance. On account of the dullness of times, amount of sickness, etc., the past Autumn and Winter have been times of a special trial to this people. Yet by the practice of close economy and self sacrifice at home, we have, by the Grace of God, been enabled to meet financially the demands of the past year.

The *Third Church of Bayonne* says: There has been no special growth owing to the burden of debt which rests upon the congregation. One church, that of Lafayette, has given us aid. The pastor, who is the stated supply, has revived again the Mission at Centreville, which was discontinued for a while, and services there are now held in the Baptist Chapel. A flourishing Sunday School exists. Centreville is a promising field for the establishment of a German Church.

The *South Bergen Church* reports: All the means of Grace have been well attended, and several persons have been received into the communion of God's Church. "We need more fervent prayer and more earnest work from pastor and people for the salvation of souls." There is a marked improvement in the finances of the church. Some additions have been made on the outside of the church building and the walls within have been neatly decorated. The members seem to be doing what they can, still their wish is that they might do more, especially for benevolent purposes.

The *First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City* gives no report outside of the statistical table.

The *St. John's German Evangelical Church of Bergen* reports: The new church edifice is finished and already improved by the building of a gallery and general furnishing. A lot has been purchased and a parsonage will be built during the Summer. The work has been in every way a success and a lively interest has been manifested by all the members. Church attendance is increasing, and it is evident that every German in South Bergen knows that there is a St. John's German Evangelical Church in the place. The number of the Sunday School scholars is not increased as the work is restricted to the German speaking element only. Bright hopes are entertained for the future.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. Henry W. F. Jones and the Church of Bergen Point had the pastoral relation dissolved April 30, 1884, and Mr. Jones was dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 30, 1884. From the same Presbytery the Rev. James F. Riggs was received into Classis, Sept. 8, 1884, and installed pastor over the Church of Bergen Point, Sept. 30, 1884.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. VAUGHAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The report of your Committee last Spring emphasized a falling off in the gifts for benevolent purposes, but offset it by the increase of congregational contributions due to the building of churches at Spotswood and Asbury Park. This year there is decrease in both items, though the special expenses of Holmdel, in renovating church property makes the difference in that column less serious than in the other. Only First Freehold, Holmdel, Middletown and Colts Neck have contributed to every Board. It is especially to be deplored that the gifts to Foreign and Domestic Missions by nearly every church fall below the proportion due from our Classis, if these great causes are to be adequately sustained.

We gave to Foreign Missions in 1884, $544; whereas an average of one dollar per member was necessary, or $200 more than the sum actually raised. For the year now ending the amount of $100,000 is imperatively needed by the Foreign Board, or about $1.25 per member throughout the denomination, our share of which, supposing this Classis to occupy an average position in financial strength, would be $916, instead of the sum actually raised.

These figures indicate one feature of our future work, for the better prosecution of which the organization of societies of young people for Christian effort at Middletown and First Long Branch is a step in the right direction.

In the matter of new or improved church properties, Spotswood and Holmdel have this year a good report to offer, the former having completed a church building at a cost of $4,000, which is paid, save $400, which annual instalments will soon remove, while Holmdel has greatly improved her house of worship and its sur-

roundings, assisted by a legacy of $1,000, not included in the financial report.

With the exception of First and Second Freehold, the additions upon confession are numbered by units. This year's work, however, may be quite as great, if rightly read, as those of larger harvesting; their necessary antecedent, perhaps also their necessary consequent. Thus Long Branch is not discouraged over its one solitary sheaf. After the great ingatherings of previous years their work has been one of enriching, of utilizing materials in hand. Still we are not to lean upon such reflections as upon a crutch and excuse ourselves from going out quickly to compel men to come in to the feast. An addition of 47 by conversions in the churches numbering 1,413 communicants, is certainly a disproportionate relation of results to means. While there has been no special religious interest in any church, several speak of signs of blessing of which they hope the future will testify with psalms of rejoicing. The flourishing condition of their Sabbath Schools is emphasized by some, and altogether it is hopeful that if there has been no marked advance along the line, there has been no real loss of spiritual power in the Classis at large.

A pleasant feature of all the reports is the almost entire absence of debts, one of $1,500 upon Long Branch, and an original mortgage of $3,400 upon the Seaside Chapel, being the only exceptions of any consequence.

A very unwelcome item, however, appears in the report of Long Branch, that, owing to ill health, the pastor's resignation has been accepted by the consistory. If action taken to-day shall confirm this, it will be to the great regret, your Committee are sure, of every member of the Classis.*

The totals of the statistical table compare thus with those of last year: Number of families, 733 *v.* 749 last year; confessions 47 *v.* 67 last year; membership, 1,413 *v.* 1,420 last year; benevolence, $1,886.03 *v.* $1,615.44 last year; church-support, $13,352 27 *v.* $18,332.49 last year.

The changes during the year in the roll of ministers have been two: First. The promotion of Brother Schenck to the honorable company of the "emeriti"; and Secondly. That of Brother Allen to the "goodly fellowship" of the upper sanctuary. His death

*Classis did not confirm the resignation.



Dec. 1884, is the second which has occurred among our settled pastors since the organization of Classis, thirty years ago.

As an earnest, godly, self-sacrificing laborer for his Lord, Brother Allen leaves us a good example. His departure admonishes us to take heed to the slanting rays of the day during which we may work in this vineyard, while the loss to his bereaved family and church invokes our hearty sympathy and prayers. May the great Head of the church protect and provide for the desolate home and the shepherdless flock.

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. BROKAW, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Committee appointed to prepare a *narrative of the state of religion* within the jurisdiction of Classis, would respectfully report a progress on the whole which is most cheering, and, in marked instances, the new occasion of especial gratitude to God.

The number of our churches has been increased by one addition, making in all fifteen congregations upon ground where fifty years ago was but a single church of our order.

In addition to this corporate gain, has been the steady increase in almost every one of the separate churches. This gain will be noticed at once in a glance at the report of the Classis presented ten years ago as compared with the one presented to-day. In one church 50, in others 100, and in still others even 200 have been added to the net total of our communicants. There is every reason also from other circumstances and intimations more easily recognized than tabulated to believe that our beloved, unsecular order, with its sober methods, its graceful as well as gracious expressions of worship, its genial, generous and winning spirit, is making its proper and its expected advance between the bold sternness of puritanism upon the one hand, and the meretricious pretensions of ritualism upon the other. The new *esprit du corps*—the belief that we have something good, which ought to respect as well as assert itself, which has of late years been reviving among us, is vast encouragement to every loyal supporter of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In particular, the consistories report an aggregate of 330 additions during the year, of which 218 have been received on con-

fession of faith. Trinity, Plainfield, reports 68, 47 on confession, the largest increase. Others report 46, 42, 34, 30. But one reports *no* addition.

Among the supplemental remarks which come to us appended to the several reports, your committee would italicize the following:

The *Church of Belleville* says: "During the past year more truly than any time during the present pastorate we have been *all* at work and working *all together*. Harmony prevails in the entire parish. Spirituality has increased. Every department of the church makes a good showing. We have much to encourage us. And nothing encourages us more than the thorough work done in the Sunday School, under the leadership of an enthusiastic and efficient superintendent."

The *First Church of Newark* says: "The past year has been one of great prosperity and progress for this church. Changes have been made in the system and services with the most favorable results. It has never possessed a more efficient body of Christian workers, both male and female. Large additions have been made to the membership both of the congregation and church. A considerable increase is reported in its revenues. A deep, abiding spiritual interest has prevailed."

The *Church of Irvington* speaks of "confidence and hope in the promise that the faithful ministry of the Word shall not be in vain. A very hopeful feature is the resumption of the church gifts to the benevolent boards. The Sunday School is in good working order and we are cheered with the success of our efforts to secure the attendance of the pupils at the church services—a large proportion of the school being regularly present."

The *Second Church of Newark* reports that "the probabilities are that they shall, in the not distant future, be compelled to change their location. If we shall be able to accomplish this our success would be assured. And yet, with some discouragements we have more than held our own. We have paid off several hundreds of dollars of debt, have increased our regular income and made it more than our regular expenses. Our benevolent expenses, too, have exceeded with one or two exceptions the amount given at any time during twelve years. But our greatest cause for gratitude is the deep religious interest manifested in the Sunday School. We dare not guess yet at the number of hope-

ful conversions, but many are even now waiting, outside the communion, to confess Christ."

The *Church of Franklin* looks forward to the installation of a new pastor and mentions many encouraging signs of good in view of that event.

The *North Church of Newark* says: "All departments of the work of the church have been vigorously prosecuted, and with a good degree of success. We think that the work of God is going steadily forward. The Sabbath Schools and Ladies' Associations are doing excellent work. During the year we have rebuilt the Chapel and Sabbath School rooms, providing every facility for the efficient carrying on of the various departments of church work. In addition to this, the "Ladies' Association" have proved to be a most efficient aid in several departments, especially visiting the sick and assisting the poor. An excellent organ recently placed in the church has also been a great addition to power in the services of praise."

West Newark reports that "the services have been increasing both in interest and attendance. They are winning steadily upon the affections of the German population."

Clinton Avenue, Newark, signalizes the fact that "the past year has been marked by the multitude of God's mercies; by unusual freedom from the inroads of disease and death, and by the gracious favor of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, in the addition of souls."

"Hope Chapel, in East Kinney street, was opened for its sacred uses, April 26, 1884. The building will accommodate about 600 persons, and is admirably adapted to the Sunday School and evangelistic work of which it is the center. The entire property, which is held in trust by the consistory of this church, has been paid for, excepting a balance of $600, which will be gradually discharged. Best of all, the Holy Spirit has visited this vine and between 40 and 50 souls have been brought to Jesus, some of whom have united with our own and other churches."

The *East Church of Newark* says: "We find much encouragement for the future from the facts: that Sabbath evening services, which during the last four years were only occasionally held on account of lack of attendance, are now regularly observed, the audience exceeding that of the morning service; that the benevolent contributions have increased more than eight-fold; that the

Sunday School has doubled its membership; above all, tha Lord has visited also His Zion with His Spirit, arousing C tians to a greater activity and converting precious souls."

Christ Church, Woodside, reports the removal of the ch edifice to a better location, and the very great hopefulness which she looks to the speedy consummation of a new and h pastoral relation.

"Our regular Sabbath services and our prayer-meetings co ue in interest," says the *Church of Stone House Plains*, "an are not without the blessing of God."

The *First Church of Orange* reports "a gratifying additic its membership, on confession of faith; the completion chapel or prayer-room, at a cost of $2,500, and an increasec erality, shown by the contribution of $1,123.08 to the Foi Mission Board, beside the contributions made by the La and by the Sunday School to the same object. The churc this time celebrates her tenth anniversary. Beginning Apri 1875, with 124 communicants, through the infinite goodness mercy of God, she now numbers 400. Overwhelmed with fusion of face and sense of ingratitude, failure and unholiness would exclaim, 'What hath God wrought!'"

Trinity Church, Plainfield, carries the banner this year, in record of God's benedictions. A great accession of new con has cheered and rejoiced every soul. The Ladies' Christian V Society has maintained its efficiency, without recourse to "fa "concerts," or other pressure. Following the Apostolic pre "He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity," they have qu laid $800 at the nail-pierced feet of our Lord. The member numbering 55, five years ago, has increased to 300. The co tory says: "We bear our glad witness to the faithfulness of in the great blessing bestowed on our labors. It is not by m nor by power, but by His Spirit that souls are saved and Church edified."

A narrative of the state of religion were incomplete withou lusion to the present very grave illness of our honored and bel Brother, the ex-Secretary of State of the United States, the I Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, whose important services as an E in the Church and as a distinguished citizen of the Republic wish at this time to signalize, uniting our prayers and sympat in his behalf; as also for our dear Brother, the Hon. Judge V

H. Kirk, within a few days called to mourn the loss of his life-long companion.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

On May 23, 1884, Livingston L. Taylor and D. Charles Preyer were licensed to preach the Gospel. On the 9th of July, 1884, D. Charles Preyer was ordained to the ministry, and installed as Pastor of the East Reformed Church, of Newark.

On July 18, 1884, Rev. Louis H. Bahler was dismissed to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

On October 14, 1884, Revs. John Simonson and Frederick Koechli were received from the Classis of Raritan, and at the same time the German Church of Plainfield was received, pursuant to the act of transfer by the Particular Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. S. BISHOP, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

After remarks on the late reception of the consistorial reports, the report continues:

The *First Church of New Brunswick* reports: The year has been one of mingled prosperity and bereavement. During the year two acting elders have died. The several means of grace as well as the services on the Sabbath have been well attended. The young ladies organized in September last a Mission Band, and have raised $100. The pastor is encouraged by the large number of young men who attend the Sabbath services. The increase of benevolence over the preceding year is $1,474.

The *Church of Six Mile Run*, being without a pastor, only makes a statistical report.

The *Church of Hillsborough* reports that there is nothing of unusual interest to refer to. The truth of God's word is preached, and some of the children of the church have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

The *Church of Middlebush* reports: The review of the year gives occasion for thankfulness and congratulation. A steady growth is marked in every particular, while a spirit of harmony prevails. There is a uniform good attendance on the Sabbath services, at the prayer meeting, and in the Sabbath School. There has been a net gain of fourteen on the church roll. Notwithstand-

ing the pressure during the past year, there has been considerable increase in the benevolent contributions, and the church closes the year without debt.

The *Church of Griggstown* reports a healthy state of religious and material growth. They are grateful to God for the evident tokens of the Divine favor during the past year. Thirteen have been added to the church. The benevolent contributions have considerably increased over the preceding year. Our blessings have come to us quietly and without special excitement.

The *Second Church of New Brunswick* reports an encouraging condition of spiritual and temporal prosperity. The pecuniary embarassments of the year, intensified by local troubles, explain the falling off in the contributions. There is an increase in the number of communicants, of catechumens, and of the enrollment in the schools. The attendance on the religious services has been as usual, and the presence of the Holy Spirit has been graciously manifested and largely enjoyed.

The *Church of Bound Brook* reports nothing of a specially encouraging nature. The deaths of three members of the church who had always manifested a lively interest in its welfare are mourned, and one sad feature of the case is that the places of the fathers are not filled. The means of grace have been regularly observed and the attendance has been fair.

The *Third Church of New Brunswick*, (German), which is very small in numbers, has not made a report in many years.

The *Church of East Millstone* reports that the past year has been one of harmony and steady work, but without present ostensible results. The ordinances are regularly observed and the prayer meetings are well attended. The collections for congregational and benevolent purposes, notwithstanding the low prices which farmers have received for their products, have been increased during the year.

The *Church of Metuchen* reports: We have to mourn the migratory characteristics of our community which serve to damper the ardor of the faithful who remain, while it drives them to prayer that the Lord would send others to take the places of those who remove from us. The church, though small in membership, and weak financially, is harmonious and united, and is to be commended for doing to the extent of its ability for the support of the institutions of the Gospel. There is an encouraging advance in

the benevolent contributions of the church over the past year. The Ladies' Missionary Society is in a flourishing condition, and the missionary spirit is gradually developing and giving promise of large results.

While we have occasion to lament the fact that there have been no additions to the membership during the year, there is reason for gratitude that there is a most delightful feeling of harmony, and much prayer for the divine blessing on the preaching of the word and faithful instruction in the Sabbath School.

The *Suydam Street Church, New Brunswick*, reports: From the last week in October until Nov. 16, 1884, the church services were held in private houses; since Nov. 16 in the Public School building, on French street. The attendance has exceeded the most sanguine expectations, and the success already realized is joyfully accepted as the divine sanction on the enterprise. The church was organized on Nov. 23, 1884, and Dr. Wm. H. Campbell was installed Pastor, Jan. 11, 1885.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

J. Russell Verbrycke and Alfred H. Demarest were licensed on May 23d, 1884. The former was on same date dismissed to the Classis of Passaic, and the latter in the Fall to the Classis of New York. Horace G. Underwood was received from the Classis of Bergen on Nov. 3d, and on Nov. 11th, 1884, ordained to the ministry, as a missionary to Corea, and dismissed on the same day to the Presbytery of Jersey City, as he intended to go thither under the Presbyterian Board. Rev. Augustus F. Todd was received from the Classis of Schoharie on Dec. 16th, 1884, and installed Pastor of the Church of Bound Brook on December 28th, 1884. Rev. David F. Williams, an ordained Methodist Deacon, was received Dec. 16th, 1884, and his ordination completed according to the requirements of our Constitution on the same date, after proper examination. Rev. John H. Bergen *(colored)* was dismissed to the Presbytery of Knox *(Georgia)* on May 23d, 1884. Rev. Islay Walden *(colored)* died in April, 1884. The Suydam Street Church, New Brunswick, was organized on Oct. 30th, 1884, and Dr. Wm. H. Campbell installed its Pastor, on Jan. 11th, 1885. Revs. John A. Van Doren and Peter J. Quick were declared Emeriti, on May 23d, 1884.

JAMES CRUIKSHANKS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

In reviewing the work of the year as seen in the various reports, your Committee have experienced feelings of mingled pleasure and sorrow. Some of the churches have occasion for thanksgiving and rejoicing. Others cannot but feel that the wheels of the chariot drag heavily. In the report we have to offer, there may be found occasion for sadness at the loss by death, and by other causes for humiliation and confession, because of the small increase to our membership, and for a more earnest and prayerful endeavor on account of the decrease in contributions. Individual churches have done nobly, but as a Classis we have fallen short of past attainments. The reports show a loss of four families, and 164 members, while the actual gain above the loss in members is only 80. North Passaic has had an actual increase of 44 members, Acquackanonk and Second Totowa of 11 each. The others fall below that number. It has been a year of apparent spiritual barrenness, which together with the marked depression in business, may account for the decrease in the "Contributions for Religious and Benevolent Purposes." Eleven churches have increased their contributions for these purposes, while twelve have decreased to such an extent as to make the total $1,109.01 less than the amount contributed last year. The contributions for "Congregational Purposes" have been $3,582.01 less than the report of last year. Three churches are vacant, and it is the opinion of the Committee that these churches should be earnestly requested to obtain Pastors as soon as possible, or that the Classis appoint Committees to assist these brethren in the work of the Lord. One hopeful phase of the report is the large addition to the enrollment in the Sabbath Schools; the total numbers of those engaged in the work being 542 more than during the previous year.

The *Church of Acquackanonck* is profoundly grateful for entire harmony throughout the progress of a thorough renovation of their sanctuary, and universal satisfaction with the work accomplished. "Notwithstanding the large amount raised for congregational purposes, the benevolent contributions have exceeded those of former years." "God has been pleased to own and bless the means of Grace to the edification of the church, and the salvation of precious souls."

The *Broadway Church of Paterson* records "The completion of a new church, a perceptible increase in attendance, more earnes-



attention to the preached Word, a gain of several new and valuable families, and an addition of ten on confession; all young people, mostly from the Sabbath School."

Centerville has settled a pastor and rejoices in a prevailing spirit of revival. More than fifty members of the Sabbath School have committed the catechism to memory. From a congregation of twenty-one families eight persons have been received into the church on confession.

Clarkstown has settled a Pastor, and is encouraged by the addition of members on confession, by more apparent religious interest in the minds of others, and by the diminution of the church debt.

The *First Holland Church of Paterson* rejoices in "peace and harmony." There was no intermission throughout the year to the "preaching services on the Sabbath, Wednesday-evening meetings, and the Sabbath School." Special mention is made of union services during the Week of Prayer and on Sabbath evenings for the three months following with "The Union Church" of Paterson. The temporal affairs of the church have been affected and embarrassed by stagnation in business.

The *Holland Church of Lodi* speaks of quiet and peaceful work, and adds: "We have all reason to be thankful, and we look up to the Master for everything we need both temporal and spiritual."

The *Holland Church of Passaic* is without a pastor and sends only a statistical report.

The *Holland Church of Wortendyke* expresses courage and hope in the face of an apparently dark and gloomy future. On account of the failure of the Wortendyke Manufacturing Company, severe suffering has been felt, several families have moved and are moving, and as a consequence the collections and donations for the church are noticeably decreasing.

The *North Church of Passaic* reports: "Our blessings have been both abundant and rich. The attendance has always been large and full of interest. The Sabbath-school work constantly increases. The prayer meetings, especially the young people's meetings, are well sustained. The Ladies' Auxiliaries are doing a good work. An excellent spirit prevails throughout the entire field." 48 have been received into the communion of the church, of whom 14 were by confession.

Nyack acknowledges rich blessings in spiritual and in temporal things. "At each sacramental season numbers have been received into the church. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition. The spirit of beneficence has been manifested in a marked degree, the contributions for 'Benevolent Purposes' exceeding those of any former year in the history of the church. For the work of Foreign Missions the offerings have been one third larger than during the previous year."

Paramus reports heavy losses through death. "Among those who have passed away is Elder Isaac Wortendyke, often our representative in Classis, and at the time of his death a member of the Board of Domestic Missions."

Pascack rejoices in a year of general financial prosperity and in the acquisition of a new organ, in peace and harmony throughout the congregation, and in good attendance upon the services of God's house.

Piermont has met with severe financial loss and bereavement. Two Elders, whom the church specially misses and mourns for, were removed by death. The prayer meetings have been well attended and not without interest. The six received on confession were adults.

Ramapo reports a general feeling of encouragement and hopefulness. Much work has been done in the way of scattering the seed of the Word, rather than in the ingathering of sheaves.

Ramseys speaks of good work being done among the children and youth of the community, in the Sabbath School and by means of prayer meetings held from house to house.

Ridgewood is absorbed in a constant effort to reduce debt, and to meet current expenses, thereby developing the grace of Benevolence. "Regular preaching services are well attended, but the service of prayer neglected by many Christians. Our Sunday School is our pride and hope."

Saddle River is vacant and sends only a statistical report.

The *Second Church of Lodi* "deserves the highest praise for its efforts in discharging financial obligations, increasing the pastor's salary by $100, and meeting all the demands to date arising from the debt and interest on parsonage and Sunday School room. The religious condition is good. Peace and unity prevail."

The *Second Church of Totowa* reports the completion of extensive repairs in the midst of great financial depression, an increase

in the number of families, and increased attendance at religious services. The growth of the Sabbath School has necessitated the enlargement of the Sabbath School room. There has been a healthy spiritual development, and great occasion for hearty thanks to the Great Head of the Church.

Spring Valley reports good attendance upon the Sabbath morning services, but indifferance regarding the evening services and the weekly prayer meetings. The Sabbath School as well as the Pastor gives full catechetical instruction, and seven of the pupils have become members in full communion. The Woman's Christian Association is doing its work unostentatiously and efficiently. A church library has been established, and the church debt is steadly decreasing.

Tappan makes special mention of the employment of additional means of spiritual cultivation. "Efforts have been especially directed toward the case of recent converts." The means used have all been well sustained throughout the year, and give promise of increased fruitfulness.

Warwick reports "but little numerical growth," yet she rejoices "in special outward prosperity and internal peace." The members "adorn the doctrine which they profess." That the work has been unto edification is further declared by the "manifestation of a spirit of benevolence."

West New Hempstead sends no report.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. J. S. Stillwell was received from the Classis of Orange, and installed pastor of the Church of Centerville, May 9, 1884. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. Wormser and the Holland Church of Passaic was dissolved July 1, 1884, and Mr. Wormser was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois. The Rev. Wm. Manchee was received from the Manhattan Congregational Association of New York, July 28, and installed pastor of the Second Church of Lodi, August 11, 1884. The Rev. D. M. Talmage was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, Sept. 16, and installed Pastor of the Church of Clarkstown, Sept. 30, 1884. The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. E. Bogardus and the Church of Saddle River was dissolved Oct. 1, 1884, and Mr. Bogardus was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic.

P. H. MILLIKEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The Committee on the state of religion in the Classis respectfully report that there are thirteen churches under the care of the Classis. Reports have been received from all the churches. From these we gather the following statistics: No. of families, 1,208; decrease, 191. Received on confession, 116; increase of 9. Received on certificate, 31; decrease, 72. Total now in communion, 2,293; increase, 13. Total Sunday School scholars, 2,663; increase, 326. Total religious and benevolent contributions, $2,007.56; decrease, $203.45. Total for congregational purposes, $19,326.01; decrease, $1,492.05.

During the year four churches that were vacant have called pastors. Two, Franklin Furnace and Fairfield still are vacant.

The reports indicate no special work of grace, which might be characterized as a revival; yet none of our churches have been without witnesses of God's presence and blessing. The churches of Preakness and Little Falls have been rejoiced at witnessing large accessions to their membership on confession of faith. These have been mostly gathered from the Sabbath Schools.

Owing to the fact that three of our churches failed to send in their reports according to the order of Classis, your Committee cannot make a clear statement of loss or gains in the matter of church work.

The *Church of Boonton* makes grateful acknowledgment of God's goodness to them during the year. Their membership has not been depleted by death, and their organizations for church work are well sustained. They speak of improvements to their church building and the completion of their parsonage at a cost of about $5,000.

Fairfield reports: That though without a pastor for a period of six months they have maintained the ordinances of religion, and have had preaching every Sabbath. Six have died, so that by death and dismissions they have a loss instead of gain in membership. Still they testify that God has not left them without a witness of His Spirit which they gratefully acknowledge.

Franklin Furnace is also without a pastor, but they report that they have been regularly supplied since September last by Rev. Samuel Villet. That the Sabbath services are well attended and that their Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition. They have also expended $306 for church repairs.



Little Falls reports that the past year has been one of quiet labor, of peace, and moderate prosperity. While they have not had what may be termed a revival, they have evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence with them in that the graces of God's people have been strengthened and the addition of nineteen to their membership on confession. These have come mostly from the Sabbath School. They also report an average increase in attendance on the Sabbath and an increase in benevolent contributions. Altogether, the report from this church indicates a healthy spiritual condition.

Montville says the past year has been one of quiet advance. The ordinary services of the Sabbath and the Sabbath School and prayer meetings have been well attended; still they regret the absence of visible results in the salvation of souls. They speak cheeringly of their temporal condition and present as evidence that they have built a comfortable and convenient parsonage and that three fourths of its cost has been paid.

Sixth Holland states that they have called a pastor, and their call has been accepted. They have improved their church by putting a new roof upon it at an expense of $1,300.

Pompton rejoices that after being vacant for a little more than a year they are enjoying the regular administration of the means of grace. All religious meetings are well attended and a willing spirit is manifested to labor and give for the cause of Christ.

Ponds simply informs the Classis that "The condition of the church is encouraging."

Union Reformed.—The report from this church is brief, but comprehensive, and reveals a prosperous temporal and spiritual condition. In addition to well attended services and the prevalence of harmony and increased interest in religious matters, they specially mention the holding of a prayer meeting, "a new feature with the Hollanders in Paterson," in union with the First Holland Church. These meetings were a success and resulted in much good, and witnessed "some marked conversions."

Wyckoff reports harmony among its members and the hope that, though they have had no large accessions to their number by confession, the word preached will be owned of God in the salvation of souls.

The *Churches of Preakness* and *Pompton Plains* give us nothing in reference to their spiritual condition, but from the statistical

table presented from Preakness we have a right to infer that its spiritual condition is gratifying and full of cheer.

The *Church of Totowa* reports: The completion of a chapel at Riverside, that a flourishing Sabbath School is sustained, and that in the church proper a quiet work of grace has been experienced. Unity and peace pervade the church, and the means of grace are well attended.

In drawing a balance as to our spiritual condition we find that the number of families is less by 191 than last year. The number received on confession is nine more than last year, and on certificate seven less than last year. Taking into consideration the number of deaths and those dismissed, we find: Total now in communion, 2,293; an increase of 13 over last year. Of Sunday Schools there is an increase of 326. In benevolent contributions a decrease of $203.45. For congregational purposes a decrease of $1,492.05.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

May 27th, 1884. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Whitehead and the Church at Pompton Plains was dissolved and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, within whose bounds he had accepted a call.

June 24th, 1884. Rev. H. R. Koopman, pastor of the Sixth Holland Church of Paterson, was removed by death.

Aug. 14th, 1884. Rev. Jonah Vaughan was dismissed to the Classis of Cayuga, he having accepted a call from the church at Owasco, N. Y.

Sept. 15th, 1884. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Owens and the church at Fairfield, N. J., was dissolved, and Mr. Owens was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois.

On May 27th, 1884. Mr. Garret Wyckoff, Jr., a graduate from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., was licensed to preach the Gospel, and, having received a call, was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan. May 27, 1884, J. Russell Verbrycke was received as a candidate from the Classis of New Brunswick, was examined for ordination, and on June 17th was ordained and installed as pastor of the church of Preakness. June 17, 1884, the candidate, T. J. Kommers, was received from the Classis of Grand River, and examined for ordination. On July 7, 1884, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Church of Pompton. October 7, 1884, Rev. Wm. E. Bogardus was received from the



Classis of Paramus, and on the 16th of Oct. was installed pastor of the Church of Ponds.

Feb. 7th, 1885. Rev. H. W. Teller was received from the Presbytery of Troy, and on March 3rd he was installed pastor of the Church at Pompton Plains.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. N. JANSEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Reports have been secured from all our churches. Referring to these reports, in the order of their arrival, we note as follows:

Stanton has not found the past year so favorable in some respects as other years. Yet the good work goes quietly and steadily forward. Spring has brought some very encouraging signs of growth. We note a very gratifying evidence of growth in the grace of giving. The church reports this year for religious and benevolent objects, $94.86, as against $56.55 in 1884, and $40.22 in 1883.

North and Southampton gives a smaller list of communicants this year, than for ten years past. This, however, is in consequence of revision. The names of thirty persons who attend or support other churches have been placed upon the non-resident list. The gains and losses have been about equal. One new Sabbath School has been organized, making six now under the care of the church, with a total enrollment of 450. The consistory mourns the fact that two communion seasons passed without any addition or confession. The district, however, is not without ground for rejoicing in many existing evidences of spiritual life.

Fourth Philadelphia comes with songs of rejoicing over the fruits of a great work of grace, which began with the week of prayer. The town of Manayunk was wonderfully shaken by the power of the Holy Spirit. The result of this awakening is in part apparent in the reception of sixty-three on confession; in the larger attendance upon the church services; and in the quickened spiritual life of believers. Despite severe business depression, the church reports an increase in benevolent offerings of $11.58, and in congregational offerings of $1,551.49.

Addisville shows a loss of ten families and thirty-four communicants in consequence of revision. The church, in point of fact, is on the same numerical footing as last year. None have been

led to confess Christ during the past year. The consistory sees in this cause for solemn self-examination. The Sabbath Schools are in prosperous condition. Attendance upon the Sabbath services shows a marked increase. "We face the future hopefully, relying upon God, yet remembering that it is as truly ours to plant and water, as it is God's to grant the increase."

Three Bridges records a loss of ten in the list of families, but a gain of two in communicants. Five have united with the church on confession. The church, though very weak financially, by the use of missionary boxes, and other agencies, has increased its contributions for religious and benevolent purposes nearly 450 per cent. during the year, reporting $82.75 as against $19.17 in 188[illegible]. A balance of indebtedness has been extinguished, and the young organization is, upon the whole, in a very hopeful condition.

Rocky Hill sends no written report. From its statistics we gather as follows: Number of families 66 (unchanged), received on confession, 3. Total in communion, 149. Contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, $148.62, a slight advance over last year.

Harlingen—a mother of churches—finds cause for gratitude to God for His temporal and spiritual blessings during the past year. At each communion season but one, she has been permitted to welcome some from the world into the church. Extensive improvements have been made. A gain of $58.59 has also been made in benevolence.

Third Philadelphia.—Pending the discussion of certain questions before Classis, relative to this church, the returns by one of the parties in controversy, were ordered omitted from the report of the committee.

Fifth Philadelphia makes mention of the mercy and loving kindness of God during the past year. Death and removals have caused the dropping of many names from the list of communicants. Yet, we notice a gain in the number of members now in communion, over last year, of 16. A very gratifying feature of the report of this church is the large number of infant baptisms recorded.

First Philadelphia reports a gain of 15 families, equal to an increase of 20 per cent. Twelve have been received on confession. Contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have increased over 30 per cent. since last report. The average attendance

upon the week-day services has equalled, in numbers, nearly one-half the membership of the church. The services themselves evince the existence of a strong, intelligent and delightful spiritual life. Various church agencies for the relief of the poor are in active operation.

Neshanic comes with good tidings of 21 received on confession, and 22 by certificate—an accession of 43, and a gain of 15 per cent. in membership. The church rejoices in its spiritual condition. It has been permitted, by the blessing of God, to gather in a goodly number of its young people. The church has at last, by general consent, revolutionized its financial methods, having adopted the system of renting its pews, with the following remarkable result: Raised for congregational purposes, $2,426.47, a gain of 280 per cent. over previous report. This has been accomplished without any injury to the interests of benevolence, the gifts in aid of which have also been slightly increased. We note the organization of a Ladies' Auxiliary Society during the year.

Second Philadelphia acknowledges its many blessings during the past twelve months; notwithstanding the prolonged absence of the pastor in Europe and the East, the claims of benevolence have been well sustained. Under this head we notice a gain over last year of 45 per cent. Forty-eight have been received on confession.

Clover Hill notes the change in its pastoral relations, and speaks encouragingly of a most promising outlook. For various reasons, the financial ability of the church has declined.

Blawenburg sends only statistical tables. Eight have been received on confession.

In view of these and other statements and figures contained in the several reports, we have to notice:

First—A slight increase in our number of families. The 1,501 families of last year's report gives place to 1,552 families at present in attendance upon the stated means of grace. We have here a gain of 51 families—an advance not to be despised. Yet, we cannot but consider this a small showing, in view of the various instrumentalities which are enlisted on the side of the church. Even with its (possibly) improved methods of computation, with respect to "number of families," it is not enlarging its foundations to any satisfactory extent in this respect. In the year 1861, the total number of families returned by the churches of the Classis,

was 719. In 1865, the number stood 1,147. In 1869, the reports showed 1,735. Since that year the number has declined. We have been for several years simply holding the fort. The fact may be accounted for in various ways. Still, the fact remains, and deserves our serious consideration.

Second—A hopeful number of conversions. We report 202 for the past year. We have to thank God that He has so graciously owned and blessed the preaching of His word. Yet, we find food for curious thought in the fact that so many have remained insensible to the Gospel appeal. When we remember our 1,552 families, representing (probably) 6,500 souls; when we remember a total enrolment in our Sabbath Schools of 3,284 children and adults; when we remember the thousands of persons within the bounds of our congregations who, though not included in our statistics, are yet more or less accessible to Gospel influence and pastoral ministration, we long for the time when multitudes of Gospel-hardened hearts shall be melted by the truth as it is in Jesus. Rejoicing with those of our churches which have been so signally visited with revival during the past year, we are yet constrained to ask the question, "Why has not the blessing been more general? May it not be that with much of labor, with much of earnestness, the Gospel is yet taught and preached in the wisdom of man, rather than in the power of God." May there not be among pastors and people a lack of that holy living, that Christian *shining*, that consecration which, more than all else, commend Jesus Christ to unconverted hearts?

Third—An increase in contributions for religious and benevolent purposes. We report this year an advance of $703.19 over the corresponding gifts for 1884. This, in view of severe business depression and the fact that numerically we have gained but little, shows a decided increase of the spirit of Christian liberality.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. N. I. M. Bogert was received from the Presbytery of Long Island, Oct. 12, 1884, and was installed over the church of Clover Hill, Nov. 12, 1884.

The licentiate, M. J. Crane, was received from the Classis of Orange, and was ordained and installed over the church of Rock Hill, July 24, 1884.

The pastoral relations between the Rev. Isaac Collier and the



church of Addisville, was dissolved Oct. 21, 1884, and he has gone to serve a Congregational church at Augusta, Mich.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. E. Birdsall and the church of Three Bridges was dissolved, and he was installed over the church of Addisville, January 15, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BIRDSALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion submit the following report:

With intense eagerness and interest has the intelligence been received which was to answer the inquiry: What has been the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom during the year past in the Classis of Raritan?

We hoped to report a steady advancement all along the line, but in this we were disappointed, in view of the fact that seven out of the fifteen churches have made less progress than in the year preceding. We are rejoiced however to state that the general report will show improvement, especially in the number of accessions and the increase of the benevolent spirit.

Two churches are grateful for the special manifestation of the Divine Spirit attendant upon meetings following the Week of Prayer, and are abundant in thanks to Him who hath thus graciously blessed them.

A revision of the rolls, improvement in church property, freedom from debt, increased interest in missions, harmony and general prosperity from the burden of others.

True is it that this is a world of meeting and parting, for while we note the incoming of four young men fresh from the Seminary, which relationship thus formed we hope may be long continued, and result in much good for the cause of the Master, we are called upon to mourn the departure of one, whose life, character and influence have indelibly stamped him upon our memories as a man of God, and a workman that needed not to be ashamed.

Grateful to God for His gracious presence, and confident that He who hath begun a good work among us will continue it until the day of His appearing, we look forward with bright anticipations for the future.

The *First Church of Raritan* reports: "A year of quietness,

harmony and comparative inactivity." It notes an increase of gifts for Foreign Missions, services well sustained, Sunday School in a flourishing condition, and a revision of the Church rolls in progress.

Readington reports: No special manifestations of Divine Spirit but notes with rejoicing a good attendance upon the sanctuary services, a love for prayer, and an increase of the benevolent spirit. The latter especially manifested by the removal of a debt of $500, and a contribution for Foreign Missions of $212.

"In everything temporal, as well as spiritual, our people have, by the Spirit of God, been drawn closer together and made to realize more deeply what is the true 'communion of souls.'"

Bedminster reports: "The usual interest in all that pertains to the Kingdom of Christ."

Lebanon reports the year one of the most precious in its history. The utmost harmony, a growing tendency to lay aside all differences, to raise the standard of Church life, and to unite in seeking God's blessing have prevailed.

God graciously heard and answered the cry of his people. Not only were the young convicted of their sins and led to cry out for salvation, but strong men bowed themselves, and some who were past three score years and ten were led to cry mightily for salvation, and to day are rejoicing in a new life. God's people have also been aroused, stimulated and quickened to deeper consecration. For all this we feel greatly humbled before God that he should remember us in so much mercy.

Rockaway reports increased religious interest shown by larger attendance upon Divine worship, the maintenance of regular weekly meetings, and a goodly addition to its membership; but regrets a decrease in contributions for benevolent purposes.

North Branch reports average prosperity, general results of Gospel work gratifying; much mortality, especially among the aged; a growing respect for religion; no feuds, and a punctuality in meeting pecuniary obligations.

Second Raritan reports a good degree of prosperity; mourns the loss of many valuable members by death and dismission; a revision of the church rolls in progress; financial obligations promptly met the parsonage supplied with a steam heater, at a cost of $730.00 the pastor granted a three months leave of absence to visit Europe with salary continued; the benevolent contributions considera-



increased; a young girls' mission band organized; the Sunday School supplied with a new cabinet organ and piano, at a cost of $395.00.

Peapack reports a united and working congregation; a growing interest in religion, especially among those who heretofore were strangers to the truth; and a reduction of its debt.

Branchville.—Statistical report only presented.

Third Raritan reports steady and solid growth; increased attendance at the weekly meetings; the usual large attendance at the sanctuary on the Sabbath; the cheerful cooperation of the people in all work; the Sunday School in a flourishing condition; and liberal contributions for the support of the Gospel at home and abroad.

Easton reports no special interest; much mortality; a diligent use of the means of grace, and a waiting upon the gracious purpose of the Lord.

Pottersville reports much mortality; an increase of interest following the week of prayer; services well sustained; an increase of contributions for congregational purposes, and its independence of any aid from the Domestic Board.

High Bridge reports the maintenance of public worship and meetings for prayer; precious evidences of the Spirit's presence; general harmony, but financially prostrated by the depressed condition of manufacturing interests.

Clinton Station reports a year of unusual prosperity; a precious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in an accession of 18; a debt of $1,000 removed; a very large increase of gifts for congregational and benevolent purposes; much interest in meetings of prayer; general harmony; a hearty coöperation in all church work; earnestness, and an improved condition of the Sabbath School.

Fourth Raritan reports the past year one of continued trials, owing to the depressed condition of manufacturing interests; inability to meet obligations keeping many from the sanctuary; still, it rejoices over the manifest tokens of God's presence and an increased attendance at all services.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. Cornelius H. Edgar, D. D., died December 23, 1884.

The licentiate, Marion T. Conklin, was received June 19, 1884,

by certificate from the Classis of Ulster; examined, ordained and installed pastor of the church of Rockaway.

The licentiate, Wm. Schmitz, was received, June 20, 1884, by certificate from the Classis of New York; examined, ordained and installed pastor of the church of Pottersville.

The licentiate, Joel Loucks, was received, June 24, 1884, by certificate from the Classis of Montgomery; examined, ordained and installed pastor of the church of South Branch.

The licentiate, Garret Wyckoff, Jr., was received, June 24, 1884, by certificate from the Classis of Passaic; examined, ordained and installed pastor of the church of Clinton Station.

Rev. Frederick Köechli, a foreign minister, after one year's probation, was examined, and was received July 10, 1884, as a member of Classis, and, at his own request, dismissed to the Classis of Newark.

Rev. Benjamin V. D. Wyckoff installed, April 29, 1884, pastor of the church of Readington.

The student, George H. Stephens, was examined, May 28, 1884, and licensed to preach the Gospel, and dismissed, March 29, 1885, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

G. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*



STATISTICAL TABLES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	32		1				32					1	60	$76 75		Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	T. B. Romeyn	150	4	6	8		8	267	8	1		300	1	397	1,500 00	$3,500 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenberg	George Seibert	105	1			1	4	181	12		178	140	2	157	520 65	1,614 21	Schraalenburg, N. J.
New Durham	Vacant	*95						153					2	350			Weehawken, town Union, N. J.
Park Reformed, Jer. City	J. Howard Suydam	208	13	6	5		1	321	10	5		250			788 01	6,750 72	Jersey City, N. J.
First Hoboken	Isaac E. House																Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen	John Justin	58	5	1	1		1	78	6			24	1	265	138 56	902 05	Weehawken, N. J.
Second Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	*55						90					1	130			Hackensack, N. J.
German Evan. Hoboken	Vacant		55				9	645	225		225	60	1	800	50 93	3,054 94	Hoboken, N. J.
Third Hackensack	Louis Goubel	82	20					142	53			14	1	200	20 00	800 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City	P. V. Van Buskirk, (s. c.)	80	5	3	3			124	7			90	1	120	97 68	1,380 00	Closter, N. J.
Palisades	F. M. Bogardus	68	3		4			65	2			60	2	100	50 60	600 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenberg	Vacant	*						30				100	1	120			Guttenberg, N. J.
Central Ave., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright	95	12	11	6		1	138	3	2			1	220	142 71	1,640 00	Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill	Vacant	*39						64					1	60			New Bridge, N. J.
Spring Valley	Vacant																
Secaucus	Vacant	*36						42					2	200			Secaucus, N. J.
	Total	1 193	118	28	27	1	24	2372	326	8	403	1038	18	3179	$3,385 89	$20,241 92	

Other Ministers.—W. R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island. W. C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland County, Va. James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.
* Report of last year.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	215	17	7	6	---	9	316	9	5	240	290	2	360	$1,880 55	$9,393 29	509 Bergen Ave., Jersey City.
First Jersey City	Wm. Westerfield, Jr., S S.	100	2	1	8	---	2	154	5	---	25	35	1	163	154 90	2,643 97	116 Mercer St., Jersey City.
First Bayonne	Wm. W. Knox	150	20	4	15	---	4	257	13	3	200	160	2	455	528 37	4,814 06	Bayonne, N. J.
Second Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	10	9	15	---	2	221	8	1	100	170	1	340	916 74	4,133 84	288 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	James F. Riggs	75	10	21	72	---	4	104	5	1	50	80	1	130	850 00	4,000 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second Hudson City	C. Doeppenschmidt, P. E.																5 Cambridge Ave., Jersey City.
	E. A. Meury	153	27	4	---	---	9	324	39	1	178	233	1	524	260 00	2,200 00	14 Sherman Place, " "
Lafayette	Wm. R. Duryee, (s. c)	85	3	4	10	---	3	187	6	---	75	150	1	200	818 00	6,529 00	239 Pacific Ave., " "
Greenville	P. T. Pockman	63	7	13	4	---	1	133	8	2	57	---	1	185	562 55	2,662 45	39 Columbia Place, " "
Free Jersey City	Henry Mattice	70	21	2	5	---	1	139	27	3	122	50	1	230	110 00	1,174 66	242 Third Street, " "
Third Bayonne	C. F. A. Klein, S. S.	30	1	---	1	---	---	58	26	---	95	12	2	120	9 82	928 97	Bergen Point, N. J.
South Bergen	Wm. Vaughan	63	10	15	7	---	---	121	17	2	100	180	1	292	60 65	1,624 97	104 Atlantic St., Jersey City.
First Ger. Evan. Jer. City	John Staehli	49	33	---	---	---	1	127	68	---	25	25	1	185	8 54	855 90	404 York St., " "
St. John's Gr. Ev. Bergen	Gottlieb Andrea	75	25	---	2	---	---	139	21	---	10	5	1	150	14 75	4,000 00	222 Monticello Ave., " "
	Total	1248	186	80	145		36	2280	252	18	1277	1390	16	3334	$6,174 87	$44,961 11	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Prof. in Theological School, Tokio, Japan.



CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Freehold	Theo. W. Wells, (s. c.)	90	13	1	3	...	3	218	14	6	80	80	2	195	$252 75	$1,531 47	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Holmdel	William Reiley	90	3	1	5	...	2	180	2	2	88	...	1	60	348 28	2,475 00	Holmdel, " " "
Spotswood	Cyril Spaulding	35	4	1	4	...	2	65	1	1	30	10	3	75	26 17	950 00	Spotswood, Middlesex " "
Middletown	Charles D. Buck	42	2	...	...	...	...	90	2	2	25	50	1	80	117 46	967 95	Middletown, Monmouth " "
Second Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	97	17	5	4	...	3	257	4	11	83	70	1	140	576 29	2,568 97	Freehold, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	53	...	...	1	...	...	86	2	...	41	7	1	100	100 00	729 21	Keyport, " " "
First Long Branch	Charles J. Young	126	1	4	4	...	3	261	9	...	105	30	2	245	283 61	2,316 00	Long Branch, " " "
Colts Neck	George W. Labaw	110	5	3	2	...	5	186	3	...	109	50	2	110	161 38	1,309 03	Colts Neck, " " "
Highlands	Vacant	40	...	1	...	...	...	33	1	...	18	...	1	100	...	19 00	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	William H. Ballagh	50	2	8	7	...	...	57	4	...	‡28	15	1	98	20 09	*485 64	Asbury Park, " " "
	Total	733	47	24	30	...	18	1413	42	22	607	312	15	1203	$1,886 03	$13,352 27	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schenck, Emeritus, Bradevelt, Monmouth Co., N. J. Rev. Ransford Wells, D. D., Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y. Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Supt. of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.

*Exclusive of Pastor's support. ‡ Last year's report.

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Belleville	Ralph W. Brokaw	130	13	7	7	...	5	166	6	5	122	180	1	200	$442 08	$2,770 49	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First Newark	William H. Gleason	190	21	25	12	...	9	408	12	3	.....	200	2	500	1,108 15	7,424 79	Newark, "
Irvington	Henry Vehslage, (s. c.)	85	1	2	5	...	1	156	...	...	.....	50	1	175	21 10	1,325 00	Irvington, "
Second Newark	John A. Davis	100	13	7	13	...	4	165	7	7	.....	207	1	365	572 43	2,840 44	Newark, "
Franklin	Supplied	†50	8	...	4	...	...	92	2	3	.....	146	1	150	...	...	
North Newark	David Waters	248	26	8	12	1	7	488	8	4	.....	...	2	855	9,991 00	9,054 00	" "
West Newark	Carl Girtanner	84	28	1	2	...	3	250	70	...	30	27	1	280	27 00	2,427 00	" "
Clinton Ave., Newark	William J. R. Taylor	183	19	11	20	...	2	371	8	3	.....	...	2	958	1,824 65	7,941 48	" "
East Newark	D. Charles Preyer	39	8	3	1	...	...	*60	10	2	60	120	1	225	75 59	795 02	" "
Linden	Supplied	35	...	5	1	...	...	71	5	...	.....	45	1	...	...	800 00	
Christ, Woodside	Supplied	47	2	4	11	...	1	92	...	...	.....	...	1	199	150 00	1,930 00	
Stone House Plains	William G. E. See	50	4	4	3	...	...	112	1	3	.....	...	1	90	56 05	975 00	Brookdale, "
Orange	George S. Bishop	190	29	13	10	...	3	400	15	9	.....	220	1	328	1,846 82	‡4,086 46	East Orange, "
Trinity, Plainfield	Andrew V. V. Raymond	172	47	21	18	...	...	301	11	13	.....	50	1	254	1,783 38	5,908 96	Plainfield, Union "
German, Plainfield	Supplied	27	6	1	3	...	...	61	10	...	.....	65	1	73	35 00	526 00	
	Total	1630	225	112	122	1	35	3193	165	52	212	1310	18	4652	$17,933 25	$48,804 64	

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J. Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J. John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J. Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J. John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J. Frederick Koechli, Plainfield, N. J.

Candidate.—Livingston L. Taylor.

* Revised list. † Last year's report. ‡ Exclusive of pastor's support.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First New Brunswick	Thomas C. Easton	373	46	19	28	...	16	760	23	9	337	167	1	526	$3,310 95	$4,521 97	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Vacant	155	4	7	5	...	6	344	9	2	150	50	5	300	1,056 00	2,213 56	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin, (s. c.)	160	8	8	7	...	5	299	11	...	200	100	7	200	450 00	1,200 00	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush	James LeFevre	80	7	10	3	...	2	168	3	1	200	100	1	130	552 29	1,645 80	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	John G. Gebhard	47	9	4	5	...	3	135	2	1	36	40	2	70	268 47	813 50	Griggstown, N. J.
Second New Brunswick	Marcius H. Hutton	*169	19	13	†12	2	6	424	10	3	181	208	2	298	2,703 02	4,730 83	New Brunswick, N. J.
Bound Brook	Augustus F. Todd	*45	2	3	2	...	3	*94	2	...	25	125	1	150	83 33	744 00	Bound Brook, N. J.
Third New Brunswick	Carl Meyer, S. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone	Alex. McWilliam	70	1	6	3	...	...	150	3	...	30	45	1	75	224 50	1,258 00	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	Jas. Cruikshanks	70	...	...	3	...	...	142	...	...	...	...	2	200	158 14	1,214 46	Metuchen, N. J.
Suydam St., N. Brunswick	Wm. H. Campbell	22	8	14	...	...	...	36	3	2	...	...	1	45	43 60	217 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
	Total	1191	104	84	68	2	41	2552	66	18	1159	835	23	1994	$8,850 30	$18,559 12	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, Profs. in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; P. J. Quick, Lib. of Sage Library; John L. See; address of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.; Eugene S. Booth and Kumage Kimura, Japan; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; David F. Williams, New Brunswick, N. J.; Edward Lord.

Candidates.—DeWitt T. Reiley and Alex. G. Van Aken, both of New Brunswick, N. J.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

*Revised list. †Eight dismissed to assist in forming Suydam Street Church.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.														
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	160	11	11	5	—	6	333	10	3	265	150	1	315	$1,654 55	$8,387 13	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	Nath'l H. Van Arsdale	100	10	2	1	—	4	177	8	2	150	150	1	180	301 26	6,217 29	Paterson, N. J.
Centerville	John L. Stillwell	21	8	3	—	—	—	44	1	—	1	180	1	196	182 05	1,378 14	Athenia, N. J.
Clarkstown	‡ David M. Talmage	80	7	—	8	—	2	104	7	2	50	—	1	85	271 50	2,059 00	Mont Moor, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	96	8	2	6	—	2	162	21	—	218	49	1	95	128 65	820 57	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	40	7	—	1	—	—	54	15	—	120	—	1	46	18 50	380 00	Lodi, N. J.
Holland, Passaic	Vacant	105	1	—	4	—	—	141	11	—	11	—	1	125	86 37	923 51	Passaic, N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke	John Smit	101	8	—	9	4	1	250	23	—	269	90	2	519	67 70	1,086 36	Wortendyke, N. J.
North Passaic	Asher Anderson	106	14	34	3	—	1	210	2	6	77	256	1	400	529 26	3,387 71	Passaic, N. J.
Nyack	William H. Clark (s. c.)	161	14	11	12	—	9	345	4	5	165	276	1	312	1,623 72	3,841 19	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	John C. Van Deventer	105	5	4	3	—	7	199	16	—	143	90	1	111	328 20	1,987 77	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	86	5	4	1	—	9	130	2	1	110	150	1	150	100 30	1,738 30	Park Ridge, N. J.
Piermont	William C. Stitt	50	6	2	6	—	6	94	4	5	44	65	1	80	268 60	1,940 58	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	56	3	2	—	—	—	74	—	—	—	60	1	70	30 00	400 00	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys	William W. Letson	18	—	1	—	—	—	35	7	—	—	40	1	45	6 00	186 54	Ramseys, N. J.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	57	2	7	—	—	1	176	5	1	36	50	1	153	131 00	1,217 81	Ridgewood, N. J.
Saddle River	Vacant	54	—	—	—	—	3	92	2	—	—	—	1	65	5 31	859 22	Monsey, N. Y.
Second, Lodi	William Manchee	32	2	7	2	—	1	69	5	—	93	93	1	107	84 00	925 00	Lodi, N. J.
Second, Totowa	† John H. Duryea																Paterson, N. J.
	Peter H. Milliken	150	16	6	4	—	7	287	9	5	158	170	1	371	526 10	5,390 14	" "
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Crispell	90	8	1	4	—	3	120	2	4	56	167	1	183	173 87	1,578 64	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	William H. Williamson	100	2	1	5	—	3	180	5	1	100	60	3	200	141 86	1,547 86	Tappantown, N. Y.
Warwick	Vernon B. Carroll	105	6	1	2	—	2	141	3	1	60	75	1	120	826 74	2,026 94	Warwick, N. Y.
West New Hempstead	Vacant	37	1	—	1	—	—	67	—	—	20	—	1	61	65 53	628 30	Monsey, N. Y.
	Total	1910	144	99	87	4	67	3384	162	36	2146	2171	26	3989	$7,551 07	$48,908 56	

Other Minister.—Robert M. Offord. † Pastor Emeritus. ‡ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boonton	Albert A. King	70	2	5	---	---	---	110	1	---	---	70	1	109	$119 30	$1,178 76	Boonton, Morris County, N. J.
Fairfield	Vacant	75	4	1	5	---	6	174	---	1	50	100	1	---	101 21	1,077 51	Fairfield, Essex " "
Franklin Furnace	Vacant	60	---	---	---	---	---	22	---	---	---	---	1	150	26 15	921 00	Franklin Furnace, Sus. Co., "
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	65	19	3	1	3	1	145	4	3	---	---	1	135	62 00	1,162 77	Little Falls, Passaic " "
Montville	J. O. Van Fleet	80	1	3	2	---	2	140	2	---	60	---	1	114	125 52	2,456 45	Boonton, Morris " "
Sixth Paterson, (Holland)	J. A. DeBruyn, (P. E.)	304	---	---	1	---	4	390	32	---	540	240	1	470	56 02	2,620 00	Patterson, Passaic " "
Pompton Plains	H. W. Teller	125	3	1	---	---	5	305	2	1	---	---	5	325	411 52	1,759 59	Pompton Plains, Morris " "
Pompton	T. J. Kommers	80	*15	3	10	---	---	*155	2	*3	---	---	2	150	292 51	1,043 71	Pompton, Passaic " "
Ponds	Wm. E. Bogardus	55	9	---	3	---	---	†71	1	2	---	---	2	140	54 25	894 59	Oakland, Bergen " "
Preakness	J. R. Verbrycke	48	23	1	1	---	---	125	4	7	70	---	2	110	158 00	564 00	Paterson, Passaic " "
First Totowa, (Paterson)	J. Lemoyne Danner	108	8	4	6	---	---	250	6	2	---	400	2	535	262 83	2,617 49	" " " "
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	178	16	8	9	---	5	290	37	1	580	100	1	350	272 25	1,973 64	" " " "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle, (S. C.)	90	1	2	3	---	---	116	7	---	100	30	1	75	66 00	956 50	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
	Total	1208	96	31	41	3	23	2293	98	20	1400	940	29	2663	$2,007 56	$19,326 01	

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, County Superintendent of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; Jas. Demarest, Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis.; J. N. Jansen, Hackensack, N. J.; A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J.; Jas. E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y.; I. S. DeMund, Emeritus, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.

*9 at Boardville, Revised list; *21 at Boardville; *2 at Boardville. †Revised list.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	135	7	7	12	...	5	*229	...	...	155	150	6	450	$473 50	$1,700 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen	F. M. Kip	143	8	14	10	2	5	290	6	1	...	...	‡5	200	217 32	1,807 01	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	160	21	22	7	...	7	313	6	15	100	75	†2	236	393 15	2,426 47	Neshanic, N. J.
First Philadelphia	Wm. R Taylor	90	12	3	14	...	7	178	7	3	...	...	1	262	850 00	3,075 52	1224 Spring Garden St., Phila.
Second "	N. I. Rubinkam	250	48	2	9	1	10	*425	7	10	...	...	2	650	2,164 00	7,500 00	517 Brown St, Philadelphia.
Fourth "	Cornelius Schenck	130	63	5	7	...	5	293	16	11	...	50	1	422	352 18	6,558 73	Manayunk, " "
Blawenburgh	W. B. Voorhees, (s. c.)	95	8	6	5	...	3	250	3	1	...	25	†1	150	380 00	1,250 00	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	C. W. Pitcher	90	...	1	4	...	1	161	1	...	...	50	...	100	94 86	790 00	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogart	72	2	6	3	...	...	185	...	1	...	65	1	65	72 77	1,000 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Third Philadelphia																	
Rocky Hill	J. E. Crane	66	...	3	1	...	5	149	3	...	...	65	1	75	148 62	706 83	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Addisville	Edward Birdsall	75	...	1	7	...	1	124	7	...	...	...	3	166	83 79	1,279 20	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	161	28	1	...	...	6	223	23	...	...	45	1	357	207 35	1,615 72	2223 Otis St., Philadelphia.
Three Bridges	Vacant	69	5	6	...	...	1	98	2	5	...	...	1	116	82 75	605 94	Three Bridges, N. J.
	Total	1536	202	77	79	3	56	2918	81	47	255	523	25	3249	$5,520 29	$30,315 42	

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest, D. D., "The Rutland," Broadway and 57th St., N. Y. J. V. N. Talmage, D. D., Amoy, China. G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna St., Philadelphia, Pa. A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

* Revised list. † And two Union. ‡ One Union.



CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Raritan	J. Preston Searle	206	5	4	18	1	4	478	5	1	----	200	1	275	$841 18	$2,937 85	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	208	6	11	14	---	4	†276	9	3	155	----	4	248	649 44	1,863 71	Readington, Hunterdon Co., "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	105	3	5	9	---	7	239	4	---	60	----	2	180	650 97	1,457 21	Bedminster, Somerset " "
Lebanon	William E. Davis	210	54	8	2	---	6	272	7	17	----	30	2	225	197 01	2,399 75	Lebanon, Hunterdon " "
Rockaway	Marion T. Conklin	97	8	8	3	---	2	201	4	4	75	----	5	200	82 01	888 00	White House, " " "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	124	3	8	14	---	6	187	10	1	40	----	1	75	305 63	1,071 37	North Branch, Somerset " "
Second Raritan	Edward G. Read	205	19	26	15	1	16	†481	12	4	----	54	1	332	961 69	3,609 11	Somerville, " " "
Peapack	George W. Scarlett	115	2	5	7	---	11	167	5	---	216	----	1	100	93 23	1,448 00	Peapack, " " "
Branchville	Joel Loucks	102	14	15	10	---	2	302	11	4	----	----	1	150	374 24	1,134 00	South Branch, " " "
Third Raritan	Charles H. Pool	118	6	8	17	---	3	309	10	2	110	236	1	276	980 45	1,678 44	Raritan, " " "
Easton	George M. S. Blauvelt	70	4	----	1	---	8	135	9	---	----	----	1	70	575 00	2,945 00	Easton, Northampton, Pa.
Pottersville	William Schmitz, Jr.	69	4	9	3	---	2	†105	1	---	----	----	1	114	36 25	1,270 13	Pottersville, Hunt'don Co., N. J.
High Bridge	Artemas Dean	75	5	1	2	---	1	103	---	1	----	135	1	135	56 40	950 00	High Bridge, " " "
Clinton Station	Garret Wyckoff, Jr.	80	18	4	10	---	2	165	1	9	----	105	1	128	118 00	1,901 40	Annandale, " " "
Fourth Raritan (Ger.)	F. E. Schleider	38	1	---	---	---	1	58	6	---	----	----	1	25	5 00	443 11	Somerville, Somerset " "
		1822	152	112	125	2	75	3473	94	46	656	760	24	2533	$5,926 50	$25,997 08	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J. Rev. H F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, N. J. Rev. J. F. Mesick (s. c.), Blawenburgh, N. J. Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J.

† Revised list.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	No. of Families.	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED.			No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
					On Confession.	On Certificate.					Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.		No. of Sabbath School.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Classis of Bergen	17	14	--	1193	118	28	27	1	24	2372	326	8	403	1038	18	3179	$3,385 89	$20 241 92	Peter V. Van Buskirk.
South Classis of Bergen	13	15	--	1248	186	80	145	----	36	2280	252	18	1277	1390	16	3334	6,174 87	44,961 11	Wm. R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	12	--	733	47	24	30	----	18	1413	42	22	607	312	15	1203	1,886 03	13,352 27	Theo. W. Wells.
Classis of Newark	15	17	1	1630	225	112	122	1	35	3193	165	52	212	1310	18	4652	17,933 25	48,804 64	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	11	22	3	1191	104	84	68	2	41	2552	66	18	1159	835	23	1994	8,859 30	18,559 12	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	21	--	1910	144	99	87	4	67	3384	162	36	2146	2171	26	3989	7,551 07	48,908 56	Wm. H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic	13	17	--	1208	96	31	41	3	23	2293	98	20	1400	940	29	2663	2,007 56	19,326 01	Samuel T. Searle.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	16	--	1536	202	77	79	3	56	2918	81	47	255	523	25	3249	5,520 29	30,315 42	Wm. B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	15	22	--	1822	152	112	125	2	75	3473	94	46	656	760	24	2533	5,926 50	25,997 08	John F. Mesick.
Total	131	156	4	12,471	1274	647	724	16	375	23,878	1286	267	8115	9279	194	26,796	$59,235 76	$270,466 13	

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The minutes of the Classes have been examined and they were found in Order.

The Classis of New Brunswick sends no minutes to this Synod.

The Constitutional questions were answered as follows:

QUESTIONS:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
Bergen.....	–	5	–	–	1	–	9
South Bergen.....	–	–	–	–	–	–	10
Monmouth.....	–	5	1	–	–	1	4
Newark.....	1	7	1	–	–	1	8
New Brunswick, no report.							
Paramus.....	–	5	2	5	1	2	13
Passaic.....	–	7	4	–	–	–	12
Philadelphia.....	–	5	1	–	–	–	8
Raritan.....	–	1	–	–	–	–	11

F. M. KIP, JR., *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The above Committee respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed in their hands. They consist:

1. Of an appeal from the decision of the Classis of Philadelphia pertaining to said decision in regard to the Third Church of Philadelphia, made at their session at Blawenburgh, N. J., April 21st, 1885.

2. An abstract from the minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia, directing where to look for subjects referred to in said minutes.

3. The Classical Book containing the details of the case.

4. Communication from Daniel S. Jones in relation to himself in connection with the case.

5. A certificate of Clerk of Consistory, certifying their legally given notice of appeal to Classis.

6. Certificate of action of Consistory, appointing George F. Gordon to represent them on floor of Particular Synod.



Your Committee, having found these papers in order, recommend that the case now go on, and that they be read in the order prescribed as above, and that Mr. Geo. F. Gordon be recognized as Commissioner from said Church.

W. R. GORDON, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the foregoing report the President announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business, and requested the members to regard in their proceedings their characters as judges in a Court of Jesus Christ.

The Synod then took up the appeal of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia.

1. The action of the Classis of Philadelphia appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

3. Extracts from the minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia and all the papers bearing on the case were read.

4. The appellant, viz.: the Consistory of the Third Church of Philadelphia, was heard through counsel, Mr. George F. Gordon.

5. The Classis of Philadelphia was heard through Rev. Wm. B. Voorhees, counsel appointed by the Synod to defend the action of Classis.

6. The appellant was heard in reply.

After all necessary information had been obtained, and the parties in the case had withdrawn, the roll of the Synod was called, and the members remaining given an opportunity to express an opinion in the case. The following resolutions were then offered as the decision of the Synod, upon which the final vote was taken affirmatively:

Resolved, 1., That this Synod decline to give any decision upon mere abstract questions, such as have been submitted to them in the appeal of Mr. Gordon, of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia.

2. That without prejudging the case, or giving any deliverance upon the claim of Mr. Gordon to represent the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, the Synod dismiss the appeal, inasmuch as, in the opinion of the Synod, it was within the province of the Classis to take the steps in the case under consideration which they did.

3. But further, the Synod instruct the Classis of Philadelphia to meet in special session at an early date, in order that the claim of

Mr. Gordon and those associated with him to represent the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia as the Consistory of said church may be considered, and a final decision reached thereupon.

4. That five members of this Synod be appointed a Committee to sit as Assessors with the Classis at the said special meeting, in order that they may assist the Classis in the investigation of the case with their presence and counsel.

The following Committee was appointed in accordance with the fourth resolution: Rev. David Waters, D. D., Rev. William R. Gordon, D. D., Rev. Artemus Dean, and Elders John Gardner and Wm. Robb.

In case an appeal should be taken to the General Synod from the foregoing action by either of the parties in the case, the Rev. Theo. W. Wells was appointed to act as counsel for this Synod in such appeal.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing before Synod.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on Temperance Work, and was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report that we have obeyed Synod's instructions regarding conference, and cöoperation with other Christian Denominations in Temperance work with a view of obtaining suitable legislation both to curtail and abolish the liquor traffic. The Joint Committee, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran and Reformed Churches of New Jersey held two meetings during the year, and after careful deliberation adopted the following memorial:

To the Honorable the Senate and Assembly of New Jersey, now in Session:

The undersigned, representing five of the large ecclesiastical bodies in this State—viz.: the Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Epis-



pal, Presbyterian and Reformed—have been appointed to act a Joint Commission, and empowered to give voice to the ntiments of these Churches in regard to the question of Tem- rance, and to ask of your honorable bodies such legislation as deemed desirable and necessary by us in connection with this eat issue. In accordance, therefore, with what we believe to be e views of the Churches we represent, we respectfully ask the nate and Assembly, now in session, to pass—

1. The measure generally known as the Constitutional Amend- ent, giving to the people of New Jersey the right to vote for or ainst the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink as a verage.

2. That the Legislature consider carefully, and grant the peti- n of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for "Scientific mperance Instruction in Public Schools."

3. That a properly guarded, but efficient law be enacted for- dding the sale of intoxicating drink to minors.

4. That an efficient law be passed giving adequate civil mages to any person who may prove to have been injured in e, property, or other ways, by the sale of intoxicating drink.

As is well known, this coöperative endeavor was ineffectual to tain either of the measures proposed, although aided by the rnest efforts of the State Temperance Alliance and the Woman's ristian Temperance Union.

In some of its features the Temperance work does not, just w, look encouraging; yet, viewing it as a whole, the cause is doubtedly advancing step by step and year by year. The inter- t in it was never so general and wide-spread as now. But the atest want of the time is a tender *Temperance conscience* in the ole Christian Church—a *Christian* sentiment that will ade- ately estimate the evil and its remedy. Your Committee is of opinion that it is not only the duty of the Church to use ral suasion in preaching the Gospel of Temperance; but that has a work to do in rousing a public sentiment that will demand d execute proper laws for the total prohibition of the traffic in oxicating liquors as a beverage. We therefore submit the fol- wing resolutions:

Resolved, 1., That the Church of Christ, of every name, ould earnestly, unitedly, unceasingly and prayerfully seek the ppression of the liquor traffic, because it degrades humanity, rrupts politics, pollutes the Church, and is an insurmountable stacle to the conversion of souls.

2. The moral, social and political evils of intemperance and of

the liquor traffic being inseparable, Christian patriots and citizens should use all proper means to secure the constitutional prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

3. That an important and hopeful phase of the Temperance work consists in properly informing the children and youth concerning the nature of alcohol and its effects on the human system, and that we heartily second the efforts of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to obtain a law in this State providing for scientific Temperance instruction in Public Schools.

4. That this Synod again appoint a Committee of five to confer and coöperate with similar Committees of any and all other Christian denominations in such way as shall seem best to themselves jointly, in order to influence every Christian voter to a full and conscientious exercise of his duty and privilege in helping to deliver our land from the curse of the rum traffic.

CHAS. H. POOL, *Chairman.*

The Committee of last year was reappointed, viz: Rev. Chas. H. Pool, Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D., Rev. E. T. Corwin, D. D., Rev. Cornelius Brett, and Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Rev. Ransford Wells, chairman of the Committee on Church Visitation, made a verbal report, stating that there had been a meeting of the Committee and no work done during the year.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

No report was received from the Committee on Church Extension.



ARTICLE XVIII.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

A. R. Thompson, D. D., appeared as the authorized ative of the Board of Foreign Missions, was received, essed the Synod after the Communion service on Wed- ternoon.

David Waters, D. D., presented a letter accrediting him presentative of the Board of Domestic Missions. He d by the Synod in behalf of the Board after the evening Wednesday.

ARTICLE XIX.

TREASURY.

reasurer's Report was received, read, and referred to the ee on Treasurer's Report, and is as follows:

NOSTRAND, in account with
PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
DR.

To balance brought over.....		$269 23
To cash from Rev. W. H. Clark, Treasurer of Classis of Paramus...	$20 00	
To cash from Rev. A. McWilliam, Treasurer, Classis of New Brunswick	18 00	
To cash from Rev. P. T. Pockman, Treasurer, Classis of South Bergen	12 50	
To cash from Rev. E. Birdsall, Treasurer, Classis of Philadelphia.....	18 00	
To cash from Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Treasurer, Classis of Monmouth.....	8 00	
To cash from Rev. D. Vehslage, Treasurer, Classis of Newark.....	13 00	
To cash from Rev. A. A. King, Treasurer, Classis of Passaic.....	15 00	
To cash from Rev. P. M. Doolittle, Treasurer, Classis of Raritan.....	18 50	
		$115 00
Total.....		$384 23

Unpaid by Classis of Bergen.....		$12	00
1884.	CR.		
May 7,	By cash to Sexton of Church of Warwick	$5	00
June 9,	" Unionist-Gazette Association	102	50
July 7,	" Rev. P. D. Van Cleef.....	2	00
Nov. 7,	" Rev. Chas. H. Pool.....	52	29
1885, May 4,	Balance.....	222	44
			$384 23

The following report was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account would respectfully report that they have examined the same with the vouchers, and have found them correct. They would further recommend that the same assessment be made on the Classes as was made last year.

N. I. M. BOGERT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 3 P. M., and 8 P. M., as the hours of meeting, and 11.45 A. M., and 5.30 P. M., as the hours of adjournment.

The first half hour of each day's session was spent in devotional exercises.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the afternoon of Wednesday, the second day. The President, Dr. Easton, presided and read the form, Dr. Bishop assisting. Rev. Dr. Ransford Wells administered the bread, assisted by Elders Merrill, Cheesebro', Robb and Williamson. Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt gave the cup, assisted by Elders Howell, Apgar, Wyckoff and Browe. Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D. D., led in the responsive reading of the 103d Psalm, and Dr. Wm. R. Gordon closed the service with prayer.

Rev. Peter H. Milliken gave the special discourse on Wednesday evening on the subject previously assigned, viz.: "How shall the Church best meet the infidelity of the day?"

On motion a Committee was appointed to propose some plan by which additional interest and profit can be made to attend the meetings of this Synod. The chair appointed Revs. David

Waters, Wm. R. Duryea, Geo. H. Bishop, Wm. R. Taylor, an Elder C. C. Van Reypen.

This Committee reported the following plan which was adopte

1. That the President for the time being correspond with th minister of the local church where the Synod may be held as t the questions which might be of greatest interest to the particula locality where the Synod meets, with power to make the nece sary arrangements for opening the discussion.

2. That arrangements shall be made for presenting the claim of the Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Colleges and Sem naries of the Church at each meeting of the Synod.

3. That the President shall report the arrangements which h may have made so soon as he shall have constituted the Synoc so that the Synod may fix the time for the discussion of the topic presented.

Rev. Edward G. Read was appointed *primarius*, and Rev. Wm H. Gleason *secundus*, to deliver the special discourse at the nex annual session. Subject: "Prevalent Forms of Sabbath Desecra tion and the Best Means of Arresting the Evil."

On motion the hearty thanks of the Synod were extended t the pastor, consistory and congregation of the First Reforme Church of Orange for their kind and liberal entertainment.

Four hundred and fifty copies of the minutes were ordere printed.

Synod ordered that five dollars be given to the sexton of th Church in which the sessions were held.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations by the Classes were confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	J. Howard Suydam,	Elder,	Thomas M. Ward,
"	Peter V. Van Buskirk,	"	Henry Van Buskirk,
	John Justin,	"	Henry Van Ostrand.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Francis M. Bogardus,	Elder,	John Gardner,
"	Theo. B. Romeyn, D. D.,	"	Wm. S. Harris,
"	Wm. R. Gordon, D. D.,	"	Frank Waites.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius Brett,	Elder, C. C. Van Reypen,
" P. T. Pockman,	" M. L. Senderling,
" E. A. Meury,	" Herman Briens.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Mattice,	Elder, James C. Lindsley,
" John Staehli,	" Christian Knerr,
" James F. Riggs,	" S. C. White.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Elias Mead,	Elder, D. P. Van Brackle,
" Chas. D. Buck, D. D.,	" John Herbert,
" Issaac P. Brokaw,	" T. Van Du Bois.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. J. Young,	Elder, J. O. Green, M. D.,
" Wm. H. Ballagh,	" J. S. Ripley,
" Ransford Wells, D. D.,	" Lafayette Schenck.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Chas. E. Hart, D. D.,	Elder, Joseph G. Ward,
" Wm. J. R. Taylor, D. D.,	" S. R. W. Heath,
" Wm. H. Gleason,	" W. D. W. Miller.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Oscar Gesner,	Elder, Richard B. Ferris,
" David Waters, D. D.,	" James T. Kitchell,
" A. V. V. Raymond,	" John Simonson.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward T. Corwin, D. D.,	Elder, Rynier Staats,
" James Cruikshanks,	" Hiram Garretson,
" Augustus F. Todd,	" Peter C. Staats.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	T. S. Doolittle, D. D.,	Elder,	Jacob Wyckoff,
"	Thos. C. Easton, D. D.,	"	John H. Van Cleef,
"	Mancius H. Hutton, D. D.,	"	James Wood.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	John Gaston, D. D.,	Elder,	Daniel Demarest,
"	Peter H. Milliken,	"	Edo E. Vreeland,
"	John C. Van Deventer,	"	J. C. Zabriskie,
"	William C. Stitt,	"	C. W. Miller.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Wm. H. Clark, D. D.,	Elder,	Garret Van Nostrand,
"	Wm. W. Letson,	"	A. J. Winter,
"	Wm. H. Williamson,	"	Abraham C. Eckerson,
"	John S. Stillwell,	"	Hugh Cheyne.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	J. LeMoyne Danner,	Elder,	John G. Hopper,
"	Philip Furbeck,	"	Charles Crane,
"	Jacob O. Van Fleet,	"	J. J. Doremus.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	J. Russell Verbrycke,	Elder,	Jacob R. Berdau,
"	T. J. Kommers,	"	A. A. McWithey, M. D.,
"	Wm. E. Bogardus,	"	S. P. Demarest.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Francis M. Kip,	Elder,	Peter Van Nuys,
"	Wm. R. Taylor,	"	H. H. Walher,
"	J. E. Crane,	"	Stephen Voorhees.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	John Hart,	Elder,	T. C. Stryker,
"	A. R. Van Nest, D. D.,		
"	C. F. C. Suckow,	"	Daniel Bohl.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William E. Davis,	Elder, J. N. Groendyke,
" Marion T. Conklin,	" John D. Ten Eyck,
" Philip M. Doolittle,	" Peter L. Kline.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edward G. Read,	Elder, C. N. Dumont,
" Geo. W. Scarlett,	" Jas. H. Winget,
" Joel Loucks,	" Sylvester Robbins.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following were reported by the Committee on Nominations and appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. Wm. H. Gleason. *Secundus*, Rev. James LeFevre.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.—Primarius, Rev. Isaac Collier. *Secundus*, Rev. Wm. R. Duryea.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. Philip Furbeck. *Secundus*, Rev. Henry Vehslage.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That this Synod adjourn to meet in the Reformed Church of Lafayette, (Jersey City), on the first Tuesday of May, 1886, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and Synod adjourned with prayer by the President.

THOMAS CHALMERS EASTON, *President.*

DAVID WATERS, *Vice-President.*

PETER H. MILLIKEN, }
FRANCIS M. BOGARDUS, } *Clerks pro tem.*

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CHAS. H. POOL, *Stated Clerk.*



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OF THE

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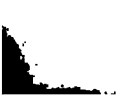
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

rticular Synod of New Brunswick.

IE Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Annual Ses- in the Reformed Church of Lafayette, Jersey City, on Tues- May 4, 1886, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session 5:45 P. M. of Thursday, May 6th.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

IE Synod was opened with prayer by the Vice President, David Waters, D. D., the President, Dr. Easton, being ab- on account of sickness. Dr. Waters also preached the dical sermon in the evening of the first day, taking as his the 17th verse of the 72d Psalm: "His name shall endure er: His name shall be continued as long as the sun; and shall be blessed in Him: all nations shall call Him blessed."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

assis of Bergen.—Ministers, Isaac W. Gowen, John F. Har- rthur Johnson. *Elder*, James Ware.

uth Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, James F. Riggs, Wm. Knox, Gottlieb Andreae, Cornelius Brett. *Elders*, T. P. wood, Albert Cheesebro, Jacob Ringle, C. C. Van Reypen.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, Isaac P. Brokaw, Wm. H. Ballagh. *Elder*, David Harvey.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, *A. V. V. Raymond, Ralph W. Brokaw, David Walters. *Elders*, *W. D. Holmes, Wm. Robb, S. H. Wheeler, *C. C. Hine.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Henry D. B. Mulford, Jas. Le Fevre, *Jas. Cruikshanks. *Elders*, *Theo. Skillman, C. H. Andrus.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Wm. H. Letson, John C. Van Deventer, Wm. H. Williamson. *Elder*, *Wm. Miller.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, Philip Furbeck, Jacob I. Van Fleet, J. Russell Verbrycke, T. J. Kommers. *Elders*, J. R. Berdan, W. S. Williams.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Eugene Hill, C. F. C. Suckow, J. E. Crane, Wm. B. Voorhees. *Elders*, J. E. Porter, *Garret Voorhees, D. S. Jones.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Fred. E. Schlieder, J. P. Searle, Benj. V. D. Wyckoff, Wm. E. Davis. *Elders*, John Voorhees, Jacob G. Schomp, *Geo. D. Winters.

Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D. D., Pastor of the Church in which the Synod was convened, was cordially invited to sit with the Synod as a corresponding member.

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* Excused Wed. P. M.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. David Waters, D. D., was elected *President.*

Rev. Cornelius Brett was elected *Vice President.*

Rev. J. P. Searle and Rev. H. D. B. Mulford were elected *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The minutes of the last annual session, and the bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten were read.



ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

he reading was omitted.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

'he following were appointed:

)n *Synodical Minutes.*—Revs. J. F. Harris, Isaac W. Gowen. er, Wm. Robb.

)n *Classical Minutes.*—Revs. Geo. S. Bishop, Jas. Cruikshanks. er, W. D. Holmes.

)n *Classical Reports.*—Revs. Thos. C. Easton, David Waters. er, T. P. Sherwood.

)n *Overtures and Judicial Business.*—Revs. J. P. Searle, Isaac Brokaw. Elder, C. C. Hine.

)n *Nominations.*—Revs. Wm. W. Knox, John C. Van Deventer. er, S. H. Wheeler.

)n *Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. R. W. Brokaw, William H. liamson. Elder, Garret Voorhees.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

he following were received:

A complaint of Rev. Wm. R. Gordon of the action of the sis of Bergen in relation to the supply of the Church of Gut- berg, together with reasons for complaint, and other papers aining to the case. Referred to the Committee on Overtures Judicial Business.

. An appeal of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia n action of the Classis of Philadelphia taken at special ses-

sion, May 18, 1885. Referred, with all papers and documents in the case, to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

3. A printed pamphlet, entitled "Pamphlet No. 2," containing a preface, the records of two congregational meetings of the Third Church of Philadelphia, with notes and comments by Mr. Geo. F. Gordon; the action of the Classis of Philadelphia at its special session, May 18, 1885, and the appeal therefrom, above noted; the action of the Classis of Philadelphia at its stated Fall session, October 20–21, 1885; a supplemental appeal of the Third Church of Philadelphia from said action; a complaint against the Classis of Philadelphia, by Geo. F. Gordon; and an appendix. Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

4. A report from the Committee appointed by the last Synod to confer and counsel with the Classis of Philadelphia with reference to the affairs of the Third Church of Philadelphia, was read, accepted, and, as part of the papers in the appeal case, was referred to the same Committee.

5. Papers containing certain statements and requests of the Board of Trustees, and of Daniel S. Jones, Elder and Treasurer of the Third Church of Philadelphia, addressed to Classis of Philadelphia. Referred to the same Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York, and Chicago were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported that on examining the Minutes of General Synod they found nothing claiming the attention of this Synod.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:



The Committee on the Classical Reports of the several Classes, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find that there is good cause for thanksgiving to God for the many blessings which he has vouchsafed to the church during the past year.

1. STATISTICS.

The number of churches is 132, a gain over last year of 1, while the number of ministers has been increased by 2. The number of families is 12,417, a decrease since last year of 54. The number received on confession is 1,369, an increase over the preceding year of 95, while 715 were received by certificate from other churches. The total enrollment of communicants, 27,384; being a total increase over last year of 588.

There is manifestly something wrong in the method of keeping the records, because the numbers received on confession and by certificate from other churches make a total of 2,084, while dismissions, suspensions, and deaths number only 1,077, leaving a net gain of 1,007 as against the 588 noted above. If consistories were required to revise their communion rolls yearly or at stated intervals, then these discrepancies would disappear. Notwithstanding there is very much for which we are required to be thankful in the accession already noted.

The total number of Sabbath Schools is 198, making a gain of 4 over the past year. The number of pupils in the Sabbath Schools is 27,384 being an increase of 588. The number of catechumens reported is 8,911 making a decrease of 368. Your committee is however convinced that this does not give a correct or anything like a correct view of the actual number under catechetical instruction in our Sabbath Schools. We apprehend that not a few are in doubt as to the person who should be included under this classification, and therefore make no return.

2. FINANCE.

The total amount of contributions for benevolence reported is $58,856.06, being less by $379.70 than the amount given last year. Still this shows an average contribution of $2.45 per member for benevolent objects outside of the expenditure for congregational purposes.

The large sum of $277,863.20 was contributed for congregational purposes, being an increase of $7,397.07, and at the

average rate, $11.59 per member, making altogether an average for all purposes of $14.04. While this speaks well for the liberality of the membership of our church, your committee is convinced that this does not mark the maximum ability, nor yet does it come up to the full requirements of our necessity. The discrepancy between the amount contributed for congregational and benevolent objects is still too great.

3. STATE OF RELIGION.

An examination of the condition of the churches as set before us in the statistical tables and in the reports of the several Classes on the state of religion reveal the fact that there is manifest progress not merely in the temporal aspects of the church's life and work, but also in the real progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The number received on confession shows that the Lord's work is being accomplished. And so long as the Gospel is preached with fidelity and tenderness and the Sabbath Schools of the Church continue to be faithful to the Great Shepherd of Israel, so long may we look for the blessing of the Most High.

4. NECROLOGY.

The following brethren have finished their course and are now realizing the fulfilment of the Master's promise, "Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city." In the Classis of Bergen, the Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn, D. D., Aug. 29, 1885. In the South Classis of Bergen the Rev. Charles Dorppenschmidt, P. E., of Second Church of Hudson City, May 13, 1885.

While the list is brief it marks the loss of one who was cut down in the midst of his work and whose praise is in all the churches. At this time it comes to us with the solemn warning "Be ye also ready."

5. RECOMMENDATION.

Your Committee in closing their report would recommend:

1. That Synod record its gratitude to God for His goodness to the churches under its care, during the year which has closed.

2. That Classes be instructed to deal with those congregations which do not contribute to the various schemes of the church, so that there may be increased liberality on the part of the churches.



CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully re-ort:

That it has received reports from all the Churches except that Secaucus, and the statistics of last year were adopted in refer-ıce to this Church according to rule or precedent.

The reports are exceedingly encouraging, as the following com-ıarison with those of last year will show:

There has been an increase in the number of families by 258. here were added to the Church, on confession of faith, a total : 243, which is an increase over the last year by 125—a gain of ıore than 100 per cent. There were also added 30 more than st year by certificate—a gain in the same proportion.

These, however, are in a measure offset by dismissals and eaths, there being 14 more dismissed than last year, and 40 more ave died than according to the last report.

The grand total of membership is 2,491, against 2,372 last ear, after deducting dismissals and deaths, thus leaving a net ıcrease of 119.

In some of the Churches there have been delightful seasons of piritual blessing, notably those at New Durham, Park Reformed, ersey City, First Hoboken, German Hoboken, Second Hack-nsack, Closter City, and Central Ave., Jersey City.

The reports of the Sunday Schools indicate an increased inter-st in that department of the Church. The total enrollment of ıis year is 4,107, as compared with 3,117 reported last year; an ıcrease of 990.

The benevolence has increased from $3,835.89 last year, to 4.093.64; an increase of $257.75.

The moneys contributed for congregational purposes amount) $31,174.45 this year, as against $20,241.92, as per last report; n increase of about 50 per cent.

Thus it is seen that the church and the Sunday School increase ı numbers, and also the *gifts* for the support of the cause of hrist, in proportion to the degree of Spirituality, as indicated by dditions to the Kingdom.

The only defect in the reports calling for the notice of the com-ıittee, is the omission to record the number of baptized non-ommunicants. This is a new feature in our Church, and so diffi-

cult to ascertain in the American churches that we recommend that the Synod be asked to erase the column.

Your committee feel that it expresses the sentiment of the whole Classis, when it says, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." "Praise Him all ye people."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The following changes and removals have occurred within our bounds during the year: The Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn, D. D., has been removed by death, and taken up to his reward, and the church over which he presided is about settling another pastor. The church of New Durham has settled the Rev. Isaac W. Gowen as its pastor, and he has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia. The Rev. Isaac E. House has been released from the First Church of Hoboken, on account of failing health. The German Evangelical Church of Hoboken have called Rev. John W. Freund to its pastorate, as the successor of Rev. L. Mohn, D. D., deceased. The Rev. John F. Harris has been received from the Classis of Kingston and installed in the church of Cherry Hill.

J. HOWARD SUYDAM, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the state of the Churches respectfully report:

Your Committee finds matter for mingled joy and sorrow in looking over their statements sent in from the various fields of labor. We are depressed by the fact that one of our oldest and best beloved churches has at last been compelled to succumb to adverse circumstances, and to come declaring to Classis the dissolution of its organization. While its union with another church may bring increased strength to the latter, still we shall sadly miss the separate influence of the First Church of Jersey City. We also mark the fact that one of our Mission German Churches presents but slight signs of any progressive life.

Yet we record with thankfulness all the greater, that in the remaining churches the year has been one of more than ordinary blessing. In one instance God's reviving mercies have been poured forth in copious showers, while in other portions of the field a strong and steady growth is seen. Your Committee can-

not but express the hope that these tokens of the Divine favor may inspirit the hearts of all, and that the losses which have been permitted to try us as a Classis, may lead to greater earnestness in prayer and effort, as we strive for the extension of the Saviour's Kingdom.

The *Church of Bergen* sends a report filled with gladness and praise. The Lord hath done great things for this mother of all our churches. "Not since the memorable revival of 1842 has so precious a work of grace been here enjoyed." A Service of Prayer and Consecration was held by the Consistory on the first week of last January, and the Week of Prayer was observed with more than usual fervor. After-meetings were called for when the regular Sunday services ended, and special services conducted by earnest Christian workers, were well attended for more than five weeks. At the Communion, in March, 50 communicants, of whom 35 were from the Sunday School, were added on confession of their faith, and 13 more by certificate. "Every token of outward prosperity" has also been seen, as the congregation not only increases but is well organized in all departments of Christian service. The shadow of death has fallen heavily, as some nine efficient members have passed away, but the church sorrows "not as those without hope," as it marks the glory beyond the cloud.

The *First Church of Jersey City* sends what is, probably, its last report after 56 years of corporate life. For some years past it has been sustained through most adverse circumstances, arising mainly from the changes of population in the locality. The Rev. Wm. Westerfield, who has so faithfully labored as the Stated Supply, felt called to resign in December in order to take charge of a church enterprise in New York City, and the church, feeble at best, was at once reduced in membership and revenue. There were meetings of the Consistory and congregation held and, at last, it has been determined "to close the church on the first of next May and make a consolidation with the Second Reformed Church." The few workers in church and Sunday School feel that thus they can do better duty. "The Sabbath and weekly services have been regularly held, and will be until the close." The reports states certain financial arrangements by which all indebtedness, it is hoped, can be paid and the remainder taken over into the consolidated body. The falling off in families and communicants is explained as due to a final and careful revision

of the roll, and the dismission of those wishing to enter other churches.

The *First Church of Bayonne* reports "progress and prosperity," with nothing marked beyond a "vigorous and healthy growth." An advance in membership and contributions, active missionary societies among old and young, and a large gain in the Sunday Schools, are proofs of the Divine blessing on the instrumentalities faithfully employed.

The *Second Church of Jersey City* reports "no marked evidences of religious interest," while attendance on public worship remains good, and encouragement is gained by the numbers in the Sunday School and the attention to Divine truth there given. It deplores the loss by removal of some most active workers, and speaks of the interest taken in the movement to form a union with the First Church of Jersey City.

The *Church of Bergen Point* sends only a statistical report, which shows a most gratifying increase in the number of communicants and the benevolent contributions. It is evident that the church is starting upon a new era of progress.

The *Second Church of Hudson City* gives a report which shows a vigorous life. In fact this church leads all of our German churches and proves that the sacrifices of former years have not been in vain.

The *Church of Lafayette* tells of "Spiritual and material growth," with an "increase of membership larger than for many previous years." The work of the earnest women of the church is noted, especially in the result of largely reducing a floating debt incurred by building the new chapel. "The Consistory has been increased from 8 members to 12."

The *Church of Greenville* has "nothing special to report concerning her Spiritual life," though there is an advance in membership. The removal of efficient workers, through change of residence, is deplored. "The church has shown activity and vigor." The 15th anniversary of the organization was observed in February, and out of it has grown a feeling that a larger church edifice must be built in the near future. Tract distribution by the ladies and the occasional preaching of illustrated sermons have been followed by good results. The death of Mr. John Armstrong, the oldest member of the church, is spoken of with tender feeling.

The *Free Church of Jersey City* gives an account of church services and prayer meetings well sustained, and of 12 members of the Sunday School received into the full communion. The financial statement is not so cheering, but a united effort has been begun, looking to self support at no distant date.

The *Third Church of Bayonne* has no pastor or stated supply, though enjoying the partial care of the Rev. Gottlieb Andreae. Its statistical report is about the same as that of last year.

The *South Bergen Church* shows tokens of prosperity, as it presents an increase in the pastor's salary, improvements of the church building, and a partial payment of the debt. Deeper interest in the devotional meetings is noted with many accessions by confession, and the prayer meeting often crowds the room. A power for good is marked in the young men's prayer meeting, and the young people's prayer meeting.

The *First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City* sends only a statistical report, differing from that of last year merely in an increase of infant baptisms and congregational contributions.

The *St. John's German Evangelical Church of Bergen* gives a statistical report which shows no decrease in the number of families, though there is a large number of dismissals.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. Chas. Dorppenschmidt, P. E., of the Second Church of Hudson City, died May 13, 1885.

Wm. S. Cranmer, a graduate of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, was licensed to preach May 27, 1885, and was dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island on June 15, 1885.

WM. RANKIN DURYEE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Appointed by your venerable body to note, in a general way, the progress of events in that remarkable State where the commodities are graces, and the merchandise is truth; where celestial take the precedence of terrestial things; where the supreme doctrine is faith, and the supreme law is love, and the Supreme Ruler is Christ the Lord, we have gone by way of circumspection round about this lovely Salem, admiring her mighty bulworks and snowy palaces and heavenly towers, and now return to make for this and generations to come a just report.

With *Spotswood* we begin. There are first that shall be last, and there are last that shall be first. Though afar off she hath been "brought nigh by the blood of the Lamb." The voice of one crying in the wilderness saith "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." And though left like "a cottage in a garden of cucumbers," the vines flourish and the fruit is abundant and the flavor is excellent. Last year she almost doubled her benevolent contributions, and this year she has more than trebled them, and that after having bowed himself in a noble effort to throw off two-fifths of a heavy financial burden, incurred by the rebuilding of her house of worship. And better still, the seed of the Kingdom is falling upon good ground and is bringing forth fruit to the praise and glory of God. "He that goeth forth with weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Concerning the little kingdom of the *Highlands*, we can give only very meagre and imperfect tidings. The church has raised $183.11 for congregational purposes, and $39 for benevolence, and are indebted to the minister in charge $105. Yet there is room for hope, for "who hath despised the day of small things?" With a sanctified purpose and an all-sufficient God the enfeebled soul may rise above all discouragements and accomplish all things. And here, especially, where the firmament and the ocean meet and embrace and kiss the shore, as righteousness and peace are said to do, where the lights never go out, but golden beacons from their lofty stations fling refulgent beams along the foaming pathway of imperiled voyagers, what visions of success, of victory, of conquest may not rise upon the soul? "Watchman, what of the night?" "Where art thou?" Perhaps, like the sons of Zebedee, when the Saviour called, thou art mending thy nets, and perhaps thou, ere long, in the exercise of the same invincible faith, will launch out and catch men.

Middletown, imbued with the true spirit of missions, is engaged in the benevolent enterprise of educating three young persons in the foreign field. And notwithstanding the financial ability of the congregation has been greatly crippled by removals and death, this church has accomplished a grander benevolent work this year than ever before. Thus she is to be congratulated on the score of her liberality. But not so in regard to her powers of enumeration. Like the famous shepherd who totally failed to



ascertain the number of his flock, because certain sheep refused to stand still long enough to be counted, Middletown returns a blank for the number of families, because restricted to reporting those only in actual attendance. The church is now 50 years old, and the members of Classis are accordingly respectfully invited to attend the semi-centennial anniversary of her organization on or about the 4th of July next.

Asbury Park is harmonious, united and attentive in hearing and obeying the Gospel. She has done her best—"Angels could no more"—to swell the figures of her benevolent contributions and pay her honest debts, but the "line of labors and the work move slow." Not blessed with superabundant or even abundant means, she is taxed to the uttermost to maintain herself. Yet, knowing that God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, she would scorn to grow weary in well-doing, but casts her hard-earned gifts in that consecrated enclosure where the poor man's penny outweighs the rich man's pound in humble reliance on Him who hath blessed the poor in Spirit and given them the Kingdom of Heaven.

Keyport has revised her roll of communicants, retaining in the list only those who dwell in the place and are regular attendants. In consequence of this arrangement the number in full communion appears somewhat less than that reported last year. But at the same time a variety of circumstances point to more inviting prospects and greater advancement for the time to come.

Second Freehold is a gratified church. She is rejoicing in the Spirit. The efforts which have been put forth for the suppression of vice and the enlightenment of souls, quickened and directed by the impulses of the Holy Spirit, have been blessed. Dungeons have been illuminated and prisoners released, and men have gone from intemperance to abstinence, and from abstinence to holiness in the Lord. The organization of a "Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor" is one of the gratifying signals of Spiritual advancement. It shows that the good people of this church have not only reached the conception that there was work to be done, but that they have flung themselves into the undertaking in such a manner as to secure in the best possible way its accomplishment. "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?"

Colt's Neck has been dusting about and casting out the old rubbish—cleaning house, the sisters would call it. Next to Godliness is cleanliness. "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow." Now, the occasional traveler, as he passes through this beautiful hamlet, will be specially attracted by the chaste appearance and snowy whiteness of the village church. And if occasion or desire prompt him to enter those consecrated portals, he will find the temple of God, like the king's daughter, "all glorious within." For here art, devotion and mechanical skill vie with each other, saying, "We will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And we will make thy windows of agates and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones." Having repaired and renovated their Spiritual home, the good people of this church express themselves as prepared to go forward in the Lord and do greater and better things for the soul. The cords are to be lengthened and the stakes strengthened and the colt's neck is to become a horse's neck, which, as Job says, is "a neck of thunder."

Holmdel, like the little church in the Valley, is guarded by the sentinel hills. Beautiful site for human abode! Where the very frontlets of nature inculcate the words of inspiration, "Thy goodness is like the great hills," while the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handy work," she may look at the green fields and singing brooks and exclaim, "the lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; yea I have a goodly heritage." But like Dr. Alexander, who, when a Methodist brother enquired if he had personal holiness, replied that he had none to speak of, this church informs us she has nothing special to report. But at the same time she is pleased to say, that the cause of benevolence has made a marked advance, that faithful women have formed a Missionary Society, that they have done a good work, and that their hands and hearts are ready for more. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And the crowning feature of this church of the Valley, after all, must be, not its shady dells and rich soils and magnificent farms and amiable abodes, but that it has a heart to serve God.

Marlborough finds cause for gratitude to God in the matter of His preservation, and for grace and harmony within her borders. Like Jerusalem, she is the mother of us all. As leaven which a



›man took and hid in three measures of meal, the precious doc-nes of the Gospel, as proclaimed by faithful men from her ven-able pulpit has gone abroad captivating and subduing the mind man until souls have been gathered and churches organized d a Classis formed. And to-day, as we peruse this interesting eme, and note the Spiritual progress of this group of churches, engaged in holding forth the Word of Life, enlightening souls, d leading immortal spirits to God, we are told to exclaim, How amiable are Thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts;" and en turning our eyes to the mother church of the cluster, her eye dimmed by age and her strength unabated, we devoutly say, Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces."

The following ecclesiastical changes have to be mentioned: he pastoral relation between the Rev. Chas. J. Young and the irst Reformed Church at Long Branch was dissolved October 5th, 1885, and Mr. Young dismissed to the Presbytery of Al-any.

The Rev. Ransford Wells, D. D., was dismissed to the South lassis of Long Island, October 26th, 1885.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELEAR MEAD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to state at they have examined the statistical reports of the several urches under the care of the Classis, as well as the remarks hich accompany these returns.

While there is nothing exceedingly striking to report in connec-on with the life and material prosperity of the churches, there e indications of continued progress, greater earnestness and a uickened spiritual life. Classical visitations have been held in any of the churches, and in all cases with exceedingly good sults. There seems to be a forward movement in almost all our ongregations, the result, not of spasmotic efforts, but of faithful reaching of the Word, diligent pastoral supervision, and earnest, elpful efforts put forth by elders and deacons, Sabbath School achers and the helpful agency of ladies' associations.

During the year two of our vacant congregations have been lessed by having pastors of their own choice settled over them: e Rev. D. W. Shellinger at Franklin, and the Rev. Chas. H.

Jones at Woodside. Very much is expected from the faithful labors of these brethren. There are now only two vacant congregations, that of Linden and the German Church at Plainfield.

The Classis sustained a great loss in the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Gleason, who accepted a call to the Reformed Church at Hudson, N. Y. But his place is to be supplied by the Rev. Thomas Chalmers Easton, D. D., who has accepted the call of the First Church and will soon be installed over that important charge.

During the year 242 have been added to the communion roll; of these 132 were added on a profession of faith. The First Church, Newark, reports 30 additions, 13 being onc onfession; the Second, Newark, 20 additions, 19 on confession; the North, Newark, 41 additions, 27 on confession; the West, Newark, 27 additions, all on confession; Clinton Ave., Newark, 18 additions, 8 on confession; Belleville, 12 additions, 5 being on confession; Woodside, 22 additions, 8 on confession; Orange, 27 additions, 8 on confession. All the churches report some additions on confession save two. The total number of communicants reported is 3,257, being an increase over last year of 64. The total number of Sabbath School scholars is 4,554.

Financial returns have been made by all the churches with one exception. Of those who have reported two have contributed nothing for benevolent or religious purposes. The reports show that $17,049.36 have been contributed for religious and benevolent objects, while the large sum of $49,275.15 has been expended for congregational purposes.

Having thus summarized the statistical returns, your committee makes the following extracts from the reports of consistories. These in all cases speak for themselves better than any condensation made by your Committee possibly could.

Belleville.—"During the past year we have made considerable progress in material things. This is best shown by the fact that $300 has been added to the pastor's salary, so that now he receives annually $1,500 and the parsonage. Every department of the church is active, the Sabbath School and the Society of Christian Endeavour particularly so." Reference is made to the death of Mrs. James Browe, of whom the report speaks thus: "She was a most faithful and useful member, her piety was deep and abiding. Loved by all—mourned by all."



The *First Church, Newark.*—"The Sabbath Schools have been well attended, the prayer meetings well sustained. The relations of pastor, officers and congregation have been harmonious. Although the growth in membership has not been as great as in preceding years, there has been a marked interest manifested in all branches of church work. The outlook for the First Church is encouraging."

Irvington.—"While we have nothing to report of special interest we gratefully record the Divine goodness that has manifested itself in the increased attention given to the means of grace. We also have the satisfaction of reporting that the effort to secure an increased attendance of the Sabbath School upon the regular church service is still successful and gives ground for hopes of good results in the future."

The *Second Church, Newark.*—"A larger attendance of late on the Sabbath services; a crowded Sabbath School; full and interesting prayer meetings; a number, not a small one, of hopeful enquirers, and those who have, as we trust, found, but have not yet publicly confessed Christ; a deep and almost enthusiastic interest on the part of the young in the church, payment of debts and prompt payment of the pastor's salary."

Franklin.—"We do not think the Lord has forsaken us utterly. In this view we are supported by the following facts: There has been a marked increase in attendance at the Sabbath services and also at the prayer meeting. A ladies' prayer meeting has been organized and has been fairly well sustained. Sabbath collections and Missionary contributions have increased largely. We thank God, therefore, for what he has done and look for more to follow.

North Church, Newark.—"All departments of the work have been carried on with an earnest desire to advance the interests of the Kingdom of Christ, and the results have not been entirely unsatisfactory. Forty-one person united with the membership of the church during the year; 27 on confession and 14 by certificate. In connection with the Sabbath School a Young People's Association has been formed by the teachers, and weekly meetings are held for mutual improvement and devotional purposes. The Ladies' Association have prosecuted the various departments of their work with great vigor and have rendered excellent service. The Sabbath Schools are well managed and are proving to be the

nursery of the church. The work of the Belleville Avenue Mission is earnestly carried on under the care of a Committee of Consistory." The report makes reference to the great loss which the church has sustained in the death of the Hon. F. T. Frelinghuysen, and says, "He was a tower of strength to the church and foremost in every good work. He was indeed a pillar in the temple of his God." Reference is also made to the death of C. H. Merry, Esq., who held office as Elder and Treasurer of the church for many years. The duties of these offices he "discharged with fidelity and marked prudence."

West Newark—German.—"With humble thanks to the Lord of the Church we can report our church being in a very prosperous and hopeful standing, not only our services on Sunday being very well attended, but souls having been brought to Christ by preaching the Gospel and by personal work, and peace and zeal dwelling among our membership. Our Sunday School, too, is in a good position. As to the financial duties, our members have done the best they ever could do. Our Ladies' Society brought up the considerable sum of $760, and from the Young Peoples' Society we received the amount of $130. Full payments of salaries and reduction of debt are reported."

Clinton Avenue, Newark.—"The Christian life of the Lord's people has been generally healthy, active, and useful. The Sunday morning services, the Sacramental gatherings, the prayer meetings and the Sunday School have been well attended, and the voluntary associations of the church and congregation have been steadily engaged in their ministries of 'love and good works.' The Young Men's Union has been active, and the Thursday evening prayer meeting, which is in their charge, has been notably increased in attendance of both sexes, and in spirit and interest. The Ladies' Missionary Society has quietly kept on its useful way. The Sunday School Mission work of Hope Chapel has encouraging success. The property is now free from debt, and the prospects of this work of city evangelization are cheering. Our greatest lack is of the more abundant grace of the Holy Comforter in the conversion of sinners and in the growth and force of Christian character. Our earnest cry is 'O Lord, revive Thy work.'"

East Newark.—"We still rejoice in a continued progress of the work. By the sale of real estate owned by the church we

have been enabled to cancel the mortgage and pay off all our debts. The benevolent contributions have also this year been increased; likewise those for general purposes. The lukewarmness and inconsistency of Christians, so great in these times, is the principal reason that the appeals of the Spirit are unheeded by many; still we can thank the Lord for four conversions which took place in the Sabbath School."

Linden.—"The year past, in some respects, has been one of discouragement. Death and removal have caused sad losses. The preaching of the Word has been regularly maintained and the Thursday evening meetings well attended. A good spirit prevails. The people love the church and love the Master. The present attitude is one of hopeful waiting."

Christ Reformed Church, Woodside.—"In addition to the above (Statistical Report) the Women's Home Mission Society of the church have collected above $50, which is ready to be paid over; and the Sabbath School have contributed at least $50 to the various benevolent objects during the year."

Stone House Plains.—"Salary paid promptly, and received wonderfully, and in a Gospel way. Faith believes that God has kept and is keeping this church for some good work of His in this community, for which His people shall greatly rejoice. We are not without marks of His presence among the people. Our Sabbath School is a power in the community, precious under God, and an agency by which the Lord will greatly bless us. Our prayer meetings are at times delightful gatherings and full of cheer for the future."

First Orange.—"Only the statistical report. In this is to be noted the fact that 27 were added to the Communion roll—8 on confession, and 19 by certificate. A verbal statement was made by the pastor, which was received by the Classis with satisfaction, inasmuch as it indicates marked and healthy progress in all departments of the work of the church."

Trinity, Plainfield.—"Twenty-three families have been added to the congregation and twenty-six souls to the Communion. While few have confessed their faith in Christ we believe many have accepted Him as their Saviour. The unusual ingathering of last year has been followed by earnest efforts to strengthen and develop the new born faith. Prominent among these we mention the 'Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.' We

record the continued usefulness of the Ladies' Christian Work Society, which, from its organization, five years ago, has been a most efficient servant of the church. The Sunday School has manifestly grown in efficiency. A marked feature is the predominance of men among our teachers. The average prayer meeting attendance is good, and many new voices have been heard since our last report. We look over the past with gratitude. We face the future with confidence."

German, Plainfield.—"The future of our congregation depends mostly upon the question, 'Can we secure a new house of worship or not?' Thank God that we are able to confess, 'The Lord did more than we expected a year ago, and we have reasons enough to believe that our hope, work, and prayers in this respect shall be realized in the next year.'"

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The licentiate, D. W. Skellenger, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick and examined May 29, 1885, and ordained and installed at Franklin June 24, 1885.

The licentiate, Charles H. Jones, was received from the Brooklyn Presbytery and examined October 13, 1885, and ordained and installed in Christ Church, Woodside, November 4, 1885.

The Rev. John N. Jansen was received from the Classis of Passaic October 13, 1885.

The Rev. W. H. Gleason, D. D., was released from the pastoral charge of the First Church of Newark, and dismissed to the Classis of Hudson Jan. 8, 1886.

On April 13, 1886, the Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D., was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and arrangements were made for his installation in the First Church of Newark April 29th. D. WATERS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Consistorial reports have been received from all the churches except the Third Church of New Brunswick.

First Church of New Brunswick, being without a pastor, reports only statistics which contains a revised list of members. There is a decrease of $1,554.97 in benevolence, and an increase of $4,045.85 for congregational purposes over the preceding year.

Six-Mile-Run.—The state of religion is about as usual. The

people attend the Sabbath services in great numbers, but many neglect the prayer meeting. The contributions are satisfactory, considering the stringency of the times. The gains in membership (16) are offset by the losses (15). We mourn the loss of several aged and prominent members. Harmony prevails. On Nov. 18th, 1885, the church celebrated its 175th anniversary, when the members of Classis and many other brethren came together to rejoice with us, making it a day not soon to be forgotten at Six-Mile-Run. Thankful to the Great Head of the Church for His mercies in the past, we hope and pray for still better days.

Hillsborough reports that the principal event during the past year has been the repairing of their church edifice by the voluntary subscriptions of the people made before the repairs begun. In Spiritual matters there has been somewhat more than the usual interest, although the results do not appear statistically. We are hoping and praying and laboring for a blessing, and solicit an interest in your prayers.

Middlebush reports a quiet and deepening religious interest during the last half of the year. A cheerful willingness has been manifested to sustain the cause of Christ at home and abroad. While but few have been received on confession of faith, several are waiting for clearer evidences, and whom we hope before long to receive into fellowship.

Griggstown, being without a pastor, reports only statistics.

Second New Brunswick reports a year of general prosperity. The attendance upon the public services has been maintained. The prayer meetings have been especially well attended during the latter half of the church year. Harmony has prevailed. At each Communion season some have been received on confession of their faith. A new organ, of great beauty of tone, and larger than the old one, has been placed in the church, increasing the interest of the congregation in the service of song. The losses by deaths and dismissions have been unusually large. Notwithstanding the financial stringency of the year, the benevolent contributions have not been diminished, if we make allowance for a special contribution of $600 last year.

Bound Brook reports that the outlook is rather discouraging. With the ancient prophet, we are obliged to exclaim, "Who hath believed our report?" The congregation has been diminished by

deaths and removals, and none have taken the vacant places. Of the families reported, many do little or nothing toward the support of the church, and few come up to the proper mark. Our prayer is that the Head of the Church may baptize us with His spirit, and cause the seed sown to bring forth a blessed harvest to the Master's praise and glory.

Third New Brunswick makes no report.

East Millstone reports that during the year nothing worthy of special notice has occurred. The Sabbath attendance has been very good in the morning, but not so good at the second service. The Sabbath School has been prosperous, the teachers faithful, and the general interest encouraging. The prayer meetings are not as well attended as could be wished. The financial condition is not as favorable as in former years. More money has been raised, but an unusual amount has been expended in repairs, leaving other matters neglected for the present.

Metuchen reports that it is with regret that we cannot report as favorably as we could wish. The same causes which were reported last year still discourage us, viz., the migratory character of the people, and the absence of any business interests. Our young men, therefore, who might be a help in the church, find it necessary to seek employment elsewhere. The services of the sanctuary have been well attended, as also the weekly prayer meetings. The Sabbath School has shown much interest in Bible study. Of late, much interest has also developed among the young. We record, with gratitude, a new interest on the subject of Missions, and in the collections for the various Boards of the Church. We are glad to believe that the Spiritual life of the church is encouraging, and our prayer is that the Lord would pour out His Spirit abundantly.

Suydam Street, New Brunswick.—We have great reason to be grateful to the Lord for His care and guidance. Our Sabbath attendance increases, and we have the evidence of the Lord's presence and blessing. At our Tuesday evening lecture nearly the whole congregation is present. From ten to twenty children are present. We have also a women's prayer meeting and a young people's prayer meeting.

Such, in substance, are the reports of the several churches. Their general tone is that of thanksgiving, telling of the goodness and mercy and loving kindness of the Lord. The attend-

ance on the ordinances of religion is encouraging, and the Sabbath Schools are reported in a prosperous condition. In two of them particular reference is made to the youth, which is pleasing, as the Church, without its due proportion of interested youths, is sickly and deformed. The happy people is one "whose sons are as plants grown up in their youth, whose daughters are as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

Peace and prosperity dwell within our borders, and the state of religion is healthful and hopeful. While there has been but little general awakening, there has been a steady dispensation of the means of grace, and it is hoped that results incapable of statement in statistics have been gained, and that the churches within our bounds are richer in love and thanksgiving than they were a year ago. Altogether, we feel encouraged, and indulge the hope that the drops that have fallen on our heritage are but the beginning of floods upon the dry ground.

The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place during the year: Daniel W. Skellenger and Edwin O. Moffett were licensed on May 22d, 1885, and were dismissed respectively to the Classes of Newark and Orange on the same date.

The licentiate, Henry DuBois Mulford, was received from the Classis of Hudson on July 16, 1885, and examined, ordained, and installed on the same date, at Six Mile Run.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. John G. Gebhard and the Church of Griggstown was dissolved on September 7th, 1885, at which date he was dismissed to the Classis of Hudson.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Thomas C. Easton and the First Church of New Brunswick was dissolved on March 8th, 1886, and he was dismissed on the same date to the Classis of Newark.

The dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. A. F. Todd and the Church of Bound Brook is to take effect on May 1st, 1886. ALEX. McWILLIAM, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports: A comparison of the statistical table of this year with that of last forces on our attention the fact that we are holding our own, and not much more. Our *increase* is: in members added on confession, 18; added on certificate, 14; and on the total number in

Communion only 117; in baptized infants, 22; in baptized non-communicants, 136; in catechumens, 56; in Sunday Schools, 2; in benevolent and religious gifts, $43.75. Our *decrease* has been: in families, 32; in baptized adults, 7; in total Sunday School enrollment, 300; and congregational expenditure, $3,500.19. We are well aware that the interpretation of statistics is difficult and precarious, but these figures at least indicate that our advance, as a Classis, during the year, if any, has not been marked and decisive. We turn to the several Consistorial reports and find the two notes of encouragement and discouragement contending in the minds of their writers, sometimes one prevailing and sometimes the other, and both often resolved into the deeper note of trust in God.

The *Acquackanonck Church.*—Good attendance, brotherly love, the witness of the Spirit and benevolence up to the average of the past.

The *Broadway, Paterson.*—The payment, during the year, of a floating debt of over $3,000; substantial growth; the renovation of the Chapel, by the Sunday School raising $300 for that purpose; a year of deep religious fervor and faithful attendance.

The *Centreville Church.*—Discouragement from a shifting population; devoted and regular attendance by members of the church.

The *Clarkstown Church.*—The debt reduced to about $1,300; the church now is in a fairly prosperous condition, though the prayer meetings are not largely attended.

The *First Holland, Paterson.*—Everything smooth and harmonious in church and Sunday School.

First Lodi believes it has been blessed of the Lord.

First Holland, Passaic, has had a hard struggle, which has issued in harmony and peace. Is vacant, but looking for a pastor.

Holland, Wortendyke, has received 24 on confession, and is walking in the old paths in peace and prosperity.

Nyack, vacant. Thankful that the people are united and praying for a pastor.

Paramus.—Quickened by the Holy Spirit to increased interest in the prayer meetings; three adult Bible classes in the Sunday School, and whole families enrolled in the same; hopeful conversions; blessed in temporal interests, and the whole church united; thankful and hopeful in God.



Pascack.—A gain of 14 families; 13 received into the church from the Sunday School; financially prosperous; a lecture room is in course of erection; general prosperity.

Piermont feels the evil of two many churches in a sparse and decreasing population; services all well sustained; increase of systematic giving and the consequent partial repairing of last year's financial losses.

Ridgewood.—Progress; becomes self-sustaining this year; thanks the Classis for its hearty support in the past.

Saddle River.—Peace and unity; people faithful and devoted; after being vacant a year a pastor was settled. Even during the vacancy the prayer meeting was well attended.

Second Lodi.—Contributions increased; Sunday School room and church renovated and beautified; Sunday School increased; indications of the work of the Spirit; relinquishes Missionary aid this year.

Second Totowa.—Progress; increased attendance of young men at church and Sunday School.

Spring Valley.—Kept in peace by God's grace in the midst of a turmoil in a neighboring church, which tosses the whole social fabric; very thankful.

Tappan.—Spiritual depression; valued the visit of the Committee of Classis; slight increase in contributions, and the services well attended.

Warwick.—Church healthy; attendance good; growth in benevolence; *e. g.*, in '77, contributions to benevolent objects, $161; in '79, $399; in '82, $573; in '84, $777; in '85, $826; in '86, $926.

West New Hempstead.—Vacant, yet nine added on profession, of whom seven at the last Communion, through the labors of Mr. J. T. Bergen, of the Union Theological Seminary. Have tried twice to settle a pastor, but failed.

Ramapo.—Improved attendance and attention; church renovated inside and out; lecture room now being enlarged; benevolent contributions more than doubled.

Ramseys.—Apathy; ill-will between members; neither Spiritual nor temporal prosperity.

It is cheering to note the general peace which pervades the churches of the Classis and the frequent and thankful acknowledgement of it in the reports. It is evident, too, that systematic giv-

ing is gaining ground among us, and that the people see its results in a larger Christian experience, a deeper sense of the world's need, a fuller treasury, and an easier method of keeping it full. Sixty-three of our members have died during the year, reminding us that we, too, are pilgrims and strangers, and ought to be looking with longing eyes "for a City which hath foundations." Only eight have been subjects of church discipline, four of these in one church. We call the attention of the Classis to the almost universal disuse of discipline as a means of grace. The very difficulty of using it as such is a reflection on the piety and purity of the church, and suggests that we have fallen on evil days. A minister, remarking that his church had been visited by a glorious revival, was asked, "How many were converted?" "None;" he replied, "but we have turned out sixteen." It is easily conceivable that one of the results of a gracious work of the Holy Spirit in our churches would be, not only the recall of many wandering professors, but also the exclusion, by suspension or excommunication, of not a few incorrigible transgressors.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. W. N. Todd was received from the Classis of Hudson, Nov. 9, 1885, and installed pastor of the Church of Saddle River, Dec. 2, 1885. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Asher Anderson and the North Church of Passaic was dissolved Nov. 9, 1885, and he was dismissed to the Hartford (Conn.) South Association of the Congregational Church. The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. H. Clark, D. D., and the Church of Nyack was dissolved March 22, 1886, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

W. C. STITT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The Committee on the State of the Churches in the Classis would respectfully submit the following report: There are now fourteen churches under the supervision of Classis, the Church of Boardville again appearing on the list.

Consistorial reports have been received from all but the church of Pompton Plains (since received by Stated Clerk). Delay on the part of many churches in sending in their report, and neglect on the part of others to express the Spiritual condition of their



church causes the Committee some embarrassment, and depreciates, to a great extent, the thoroughness of their report. We have, however, gleaned the following statistics:

Number of families, 1,371; being an increase over last year of 163. Received on confession, 110; an increase of 14. Received on certificate, 70; an increase of 39. Total now in communion, 2,228; a decrease of 65. Total enrollment in Sunday Schools (excepting First Totowa), 2,432; a decrease of 231. The total amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes is $2,004.83; a decrease of $2.73. The total amount contributed for congregational purposes is $18,955.98; a decrease of $370.03.

During the past year two churches have been without the ministrations of settled pastors. Another, the Sixth Church of Paterson (Holland), has been vacant for only a part of the time. All of these churches, however, as we are informed, have been well supplied.

The *Church of Fairfield*, made vacant by the withdrawal of Rev. J. H. Owens, has again been filled by the Rev. B. C. Miller, Jr.

The *Church of Franklin Furnace* expresses the anticipation of soon again having a pastor, leaving the Classis, virtually, with only two vacant churches—that of Boardville and the Sixth, of Paterson (Holland). From the reports received the work of grace seems to have progressed steadily, but with no special demonstration of the Spirit with power.

The *First Church of Totowa* welcomed a goodly number on confession of their faith.

Other churches have been blessed and cheered by the accession of a number of precious souls. The hand of the Lord is with us. Let us pray, then, for the coming of the Holy Spirit with power. As to their spiritual status and work let the several churches speak for themselves.

The *Church of Boardville* reports: Although circumstances preventing them from having a stationed minister, yet they have had preaching from Spring until Winter, two-thirds of the year. A regular prayer meeting is maintained every Sabbath evening. The Sunday School, also, bids fair.

Boonton reports: "As a church we are harmonious and Spiritually alive. Our congregations have been good throughout the year. We have had some accessions to the church, as above

statistics show. Financially, we are moving along smoothly. In looking over the past year we have had reason to thank God for many things, and especially that death has not, through the year, removed a single member. Our prayer is, that God may continue to manifest His presence among us by the salvation of souls."

Fairfield sends merely a statistical report.

Franklin Furnace reports that their pulpit has been supplied and regular services maintained throughout the year. They have determined upon a permanent supply, to whom a call will be extended as soon as practicable. The present outlook for the church is encouraging.

Little Falls reports that the year has been one of quiet and steady work, but not one of increase in numbers. The weekly services have been well attended. The Sunday School is growing in numbers and interest. Benevolence for sustaining the Gospel at home and abroad has increased. Few have been converted, yet they have not been left without some tokens of the Divine Presence; an increased attendance upon the church services, increased interest in the temporal and Spiritual welfare of the church among its membership.

Montville reports nothing special as to church work. The usual services have been held during the year. Special services were held in January. These were well attended with marked effect upon many of the church members, but with the unconverted have been able to see but little of the results; still, we hope that their influence will yet be blessed to some of this class. The Ladies' Mite Society has furnished the pews with new elastic felt cushions, which adds greatly to the comfort and to the appearance of the church.

Sixth Holland, of Paterson, sends only a statistical report. At present without a pastor.

Pompton Plains sends report too late to be inserted.

Pompton makes no special report.

Ponds reports: The usual Sabbath services have been well attended. Meetings were held during the Week of Prayer, and continued during the two succeeding weeks. Three weekly meetings for prayer and conference are divided among the different neighborhoods. There are, at times, much liberty and interest in these meetings. At one district the attendance ranges from



60 to 100. In addition to the two regular Sunday Schools there has been a much needed school started last Summer at Franklin Lake. The non-church goers show an interest in the school. A prayer service has been started among them.

Preakness reports: That although the church has not been blessed with many accessions this year, as last, yet there is a steady growth in grace and progress in spirituality on the part of its membership. The Word has been regularly preached; the Sabbath School open during the pleasant months of the year; the children have catechetical instruction in the school; the prayer services are much better sustained than heretofore; harmony prevails, and, as a church, they have every encouragement to go forward in the work of the Lord.

Union Reformed Holland, Paterson, reports: That although there were none received on confession of faith, yet the spirituality of the church is not at a lower ebb than heretofore; but on the contrary there is more real life in the church than ever existed before. Many are moved by the Spirit and are anxiously seeking salvation. Members, whose profession has been merely nominal, have been awakened, and are now enquiring, "What must we do to be saved?" Eight were to be received, but were prevented by various reasons. The church attendance is good. The Sabbath School is flourishing; finances are good; the debt has been decreased by $500; peace, harmony and good will prevail.

Wyckoff reports: That while no special meetings have been held there have been a few accessions on confession of faith. The Word has been preached, the Sunday School maintained during the Summer and Fall, and catechetical instruction imparted in it. A weekly lecture has been delivered and a prayer meeting sustained. The pastor has found some of the young people more thoughtful, and the hope is cherished that there may be others soon added to the church. In addition to the report the Committee would mention the following

Ecclesiastical Changes:

April 29, 1885, Rev. J. A. DeBruyn was installed pastor of the Sixth Reformed Church (Holland) of Paterson, and that relation was dissolved July 13, 1885. At the same date Mr. DeBruyn was dismissed to the Church of the Netherlands.

Oct. 6, 1885, Rev. B. C. Miller, Jr., was received from Classis of Schoharie, and on Oct. 27th, was installed pastor of the Fairfield Church.

Oct. 6, 1885, Rev. J. N. Jansen was dismissed to the Classis of Newark.

Oct. 6, 1885, Rev. Samuel Millett, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, having been under the care of Classis one year, was examined. The examination being satisfactory, he was received as a member of the Classis, upon his signing the formula.

J. RUSSELL VERBRYCKE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

The voices of the churches are as follows:

North and Southampton says: Our gain and losses in membership are equal. None of our neighborhood churches have shared in "the great refreshing." Eight witnesses for Christ is the record of the year. Yet church services are fairly attended. Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings are well sustained, and a healthy interest in all branches of Christian work prevails. The church is also growing in the grace of giving; though home expenses have been larger, and nearly $200 was given in charity, yet gifts have increased. Pray for this oldest of your churches, that she may renew her youth and strength, that she may "still bring forth fruit in old age."

Harlingen's report is on the same key. While there is rejoicing in the gains of other churches, there is deep regret that only three have confessed Christ. Yet the means of grace have been diligently used, the Word faithfully preached, and there are signs of greater blessing. An increase of more than $100 in gifts to the objects commended by Synod is hailed as a sign of growth in grace. A ladies' auxiliary has been begun, the church debt, slightly reduced, is soon to be removed, the Sabbath School work has been carried on with cheering results, and the church is united.

Neshanic speaks in a cheerful strain, of a good interest, of a quiet and healthy work of grace, with accessions at every communion. At the last, youth, manhood and old age witnessed to a Saviour's love. Gifts, too, are better than the times might lead us to expect. "We thank God for His blessing, and are encour-



aged to do better things for His Kingdom under the guidance of His grace."

First Philadelphia's report is a song of praise. Two series of Gospel meetings have been held before the two winter communions, with excellent results. A pastor's assistant, Mr. Thos. H. Hang, for years a successful colporteur, has been employed, and is doing valuable service. Sabbath audiences have been larger, and after-meetings have proved profitable. The midweek meeting has the large average attendance of 40 to 50 per cent. of the membership. The church income has increased $1,100, and her gifts over $300; while 100 have been added to the enrollment of the Sabbath School, and 38 to the membership of the church, 28 being on confession. For all this, and the quickening of spiritual life, the increase of faith and hope shown thereby, "we render our thanks to God."

Second Philadelphia speaks of important changes, but many tokens of God's favor, of well attended services, and prosperous work. The five months, after Rev. N. I. Rubinkam left, were marked by special devotion in the work and benevolence of the church. Two bright young men have given themselves to the ministry. The missionary spirit is prevalent in the church and Sabbath School. A laudable instance and example is the gift by a member of $300 to Foreign Missions, and $100 to the other Boards. The Rev. Wm. H. Clark, D. D., of Nyack, N. Y., the pastor-elect, entered upon his duties April 1st. He comes, we believe, full of the Spirit of the Master. The prospect is bright and encouraging. We hope to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia by earnest, united and faithful work for Christ and his cause. Twenty-six have confessed Christ.

The *Third Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia* presents the following report: The affairs of our church have continued in such an unsettled condition as to prevent any definite action towards reorganization or separate worship, as a congregation. It is also impossible to make up the statistical table, as the record of membership is not at present in our possession, and many changes have occurred which should be noted to make a correct and satisfactory report.

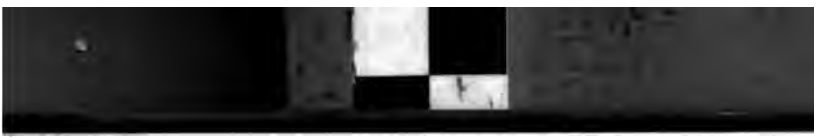
Overtures have again been made to us from 19th and Master street, to unite them, their congregation coming into our Reformed

(Dutch) Church, and as several families there, and also in that part of the city, earnestly desire such a union, it is hoped it may be accomplished in the near future. We have at present no church of our denomination in the northwestern part of this city, now its most prosperous and growing section. It is deeply to be regretted that the purchase our Third Church made in the Summer of 1882 of the building at northwest corner of 19th and Master streets was not consummated. Several members of the Third Church have statedly worshiped with the First Church, 7th and Spring Garden streets, and the church privileges enjoyed and kindness received have made it very pleasant and profitable to us. The contributions of our church for the year have been equally divided between the Boards of Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions and Education. These amount to $150, besides other large contributions for benevolent purposes usually included in this table, but not here reported. The consistory has endeavored to carry out in all respects the original object of the "Benevolent Fund" of our Third Church as designed by its founders, and which for many years constituted an important part of our church work. We sincerely hope an overruling Providence may soon open up before us a brighter day and an enlarged field of usefulness.

Fourth Philadelphia, also, is joyful in God's goodness. Of the 19 received on confession, 10 are from the Sabbath School, which has been under the leadership of Mr. A. W. Givin for 25 years. The prayer meetings are well sustained, 30 men and youth leading in prayer. Sabbath prayer meetings, for all members, for boys and young people, have wrought great good. Gifts have increased largely. Services are well attended. Only two have died. "On the whole, as a church, we have much to be thankful for. The dear Lord has done more for us, in all ways, than we deserve."

Blawenburg thanks God for His mercies. A revival the past Winter has greatly quickened and helped us in every way; 24 have confessed Christ. The spirit of hope and courage has largely displaced that of despondency. Some decline in gifts is caused by a greater decline in the income of farming people. We are much encouraged.

Stanton, too, joins in the song. "A slow but evident work of grace has been in progress. Prayer meetings have been largely



attended, and the pastor's heart encouraged; 13 have confessed Christ. In temporal things they are prosperous and happy. A most cheering sign is the increased interest in Missions, awakened by the stirring appeals for aid.

Clover Hill speaks of her disaster: The church spire fell during a heavy gale, inflicting a damage of $1,500. Repairs, however, were promptly made and paid for. The church is out of debt, a good and steady interest has been shown in spiritual matters, services have been well attended, and a special interest after the Week of Prayer brought some into the communion of the church. Hope is expressed, that the seed sown may, ere long, "spring up in Christian confession and life."

Rocky Hill says: "We, as a church, feel like praising God for His good work among us. His Spirit has been with us in the last year in a special manner and given us a revival of religion. He has greatly quickened His children in their Christian living, and turned a goodly number, we trust, from the way of death to life. Forty-two have been united to the church during the year on confession of their faith, and we feel that God has well blessed the labors of our hands, and unto Him we give all glory and honor."

Addisville speaks of an old debt removed, of parsonage property enlarged and a new debt incurred; of an increase of 45 per cent. in benevolence—secured by a plan of monthly collections, instead of quarterly. God is praised for His goodness in leading several of the young to Christ. Though special meetings wrought no special results, yet the hope is expressed that God, in His own good time, will own these labors.

Fifth Philadelphia sends statistics only, and not the appended remarks required by Synod.

Three Bridges has great reason to thank God for the blessings bestowed. There have been a good attendance and interest in sanctuary and prayer meeting services. With no special revival every Communion has witnessed a gradual and steady growth. Eleven have confessed Christ. A new parsonage, costing $2,000, has been built. As yet there is a debt of $1,500, but with the aid now received from the Domestic Board, we hope not only to meet expenses, but soon to become a self-sustaining church.

These voices then speak of:

I. Growth in Membership.—1. The year has been one of bless-

ing upon seed sown. While last year three churches reported no confessions, now all record witnesses for Christ. Two hundred and sixteen is the largest increase for many years; '82 brought 88; '83, 96; '84, 128; '85, 202. We are glad and grateful that the years of dearth seem to be over. God has made good His promise: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing His sheaves with Him."

2. Though there have been many accessions, and the gains by certificate exceed the losses by dismissions and death, the surprising fact appears that our total in communion is less than last year. How is this? Five churches have revised their rolls, and 314 members, who had a name to live, are dropped, viz: Blawenburg, 105; Neshanic, 87; Clover Hill, 72; Rocky Hill, 37, and Three Bridges, 13. We, therefore, suggest that it be

Resolved, That all our churches be requested to keep their rolls corrected *from year to year.*

II. Baptized Members.—While all the churches report baptisms of infants only 4 report baptized members. One church with 34, and another with 46 infant baptisms, report no baptized non-communicants; 9 churches seem to have become non-communicative. Two churches once reporting 180 baptized members, now report none. The total of baptized members has decreased from 405, in '83, to 359 in '86, although there have been 357 infant baptisms since, and Classis, in '84, urged the matter upon the churches. Your Committee suggests the following:

Resolved, That all pastors be kindly urged to report a list of all baptized non-communicants under their pastoral care.

III. Under the head of Catechumens, your Committee notices a decline from 592, in '84, to 467 in '86; 8 churches reporting; 5 churches have ceased reporting. To the question: "Who are catechumens?" the answer of the Church is: "Such as are regularly instructed in the catechisms recognized by the Church." Since these catechisms are the Heidelberg, Compendium, Hellenbrock, Borstins, and Westminster, therefore we suggest that it be

Resolved, That all regularly instructed by the pastor in any of the above Catechisms, and reciting the same, either in Sabbath Schools or special classes, be reported by our churches for the next year as catechumens."

IV. Under Religious and Benevolent Contributions we are glad, 1: to mark a gain over former years. These figures are:



$6,432.31 in '86, against $5,520 in '85; $4,800 in '84; $5,776.87 in '83, and $6,131.24 in '82. Though the gain is not large, yet we prize it because it has come from nearly all the churches, and that in spite of light crops, low prices, and lessened incomes; and also because nearly two-thirds has come through the channel of our Boards.

2. While we are gratified that the Boards of Education and Foreign Missions share in the gifts of all our churches, and also the Boards of Domestic Missions, with one exception, because of local Mission work, yet we cannot ignore the fact that only one of our churches has this past year given to all objects on the list, Hope College included. Two others have given to all but Hope College. Nine churches pass the Board of Publication by. Nine do not even give the widow's mite. The Disabled Ministers' Fund is worse than disabled in 10 of our churches, while Hope College has only something to hope for from 12. In view of these facts your Committee submits the following:

Resolved, That in our judgment, loyalty to the Reformed Church requires every pastor to make an earnest effort to present all causes commended by Synod to his people, in addition to all home needs and neighborhood work.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. Eugene Hill was received from the Classis of Ulster, and installed pastor at Three Bridges, Nov. 15, 1885. Rev. N. I. Rubinkam was dismissed to the Presbytery of Buffalo, Oct. 20, 1885, as also Rev. I. Collier to the Grand Rapids Congregational Association. SAMUEL STRENG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

As we contemplated the work of Grace which has prevailed in all parts of the country during the past year, we expected that the Classis of Raritan would report large accessions to their number from the world, and increased interest in all spiritual and benevolent works, but we are in a measure disappointed. While one church rejoices in a mighty outpouring of the Spirit and a wonderful ingathering of souls, and the others, with the exception of four, announce a considerable increase in the number of conversions over last year, the whole report of the churches is not

what we had hoped. The advance is not proportionate to our opportunities, for the Spirit of God has striven mightily with men. Moreover, the work of Grace seems not to have been deep and thorough, for our gifts to the Lord have fallen below those of last year. It is with regret we announce that more than one-half of our churches report decreased benevolent contributions in a time when more effort in this direction is urgently desired.

The *First Church of Raritan* reports that the church, school and prayer meeting services have been well sustained; additions upon confession of faith have been made at each communion season; a church debt of $6,000 has been reduced to $4,050, and the work is continuing.

Readington reports that as a result of the services held during the Week of Prayer and continued thereafter for three weeks, nine souls were gathered into the church, and spiritual interest greatly quickened; regular meetings well attended; benevolent contributions, on account of "hard times," less than last year.

Bedminster reports a loss in membership and benevolent contributions occasioned by the removal and death of persons whose places have not been filled; parsonage and cemetery property improved, and closes with the remark, "we are free from debt."

Lebanon reports steady and progressive work in all church departments; their church building extensively repaired without debt; a missionary society organized, which will largely increase the benevolent contributions.

Rockaway reports increased interest in both spiritual and temporal affairs; is grateful for a considerable ingathering of souls, and hopes to announce at the end of another year that expenses and receipts balance.

North Branch reports that the Christian standards have been maintained both by careful discipline and pointed preaching and application of the Word; benevolent contributions large and encouraging.

Second Raritan reports a prosperous year's work; regular services maintained; an accession of 21 to the church by confession of faith; improvements made to the expense of $523, and the year closed with a balance in the treasury.

Peapack reports a glorious revival. In answer to the prayers of the people, the Holy Spirit has been graciously outpoured,



and 56 have been hopefully converted, and efforts are being made to use the new material for the strengthening of their Zion.

Branchville reports prevailing harmony and religious interest; church services well attended; financial condition exceedingly encouraging; the envelope system to collect money introduced with success, and an indebtedness of $112 cancelled.

Third Raritan reports quietness without stagnation in church life; Young Peoples' Prayer Meeting and Aid Society doing excellent work; conversions not as many as hoped for, and benevolent gifts not quite equal to last year.

Easton reports that church services, Sunday School work, and benevolent agencies are prosperous.

Pottersville reports an earnest and interesting condition of all church work; sympathizes sincerely with its pastor, who has been ill for several months during Winter, and to show their regard for him have given generously for church support, somewhat reducing the debt.

High Bridge reports a year of revival of spiritual life; special meetings conducted and encouraging results obtained; 13 persons added to the church by confession of faith; a Young Ladies Prayer Meeting and Sewing Society organized.

Clinton Station.—No report.

Fourth Raritan (German) reports the means of Grace have been maintained through the year; but no visible progress has been made. The German element is losing ground.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. Gilbert Lane dismissed Oct. 13, 1885, from this Classis to the Classis of Orange. Rev. Curtis E. Long received Nov. 10, 1885, into the fellowship of this Classis from Logan Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Rev. Garret G. Wyckoff dismissed January 26, 1886, to Classis of Montgomery. The licentiate, Theodore Beekman, dismissed to Classis of Montgomery, October 13, 1885.

MARION T. CONKLIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood	A. B. Taylor	37	1	2				34	6				1	65	$182 70	$1,500 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	H. Van Derwort, (P. E.)	150	6	5	6		10	260	9			300	1	390	1,595 00	3,505 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenberg	George Seibert	105	2	1			1	183	7		185	145	2	150	454 31	1,488 91	Schraalenburg, N. J.
New Durham	Isaac Gowen	102	32	2	3		2	182	2	6			2	515	517 57	1,965 95	Weehawken, N. J.
Park Reformed, J. City	J. Howard Suydam	200	48	13	12		1	368	4	13		200	1	513	503 24	6,761 21	586 Jersey Ave., J. City, N. J.
First Hoboken	Isaac E. House	65	14	3	3		4	118	10	10		32	1	221	44 44	1,529 88	Hoboken, N. J.
German Evan. Hoboken	Vacant	150	60				28	600	126		830	98	1	657	80 43	1,464 31	Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen	John Justin	58	8		1		2	78	8			42	1	270	120 00	1,450 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	70	33	14	9		4	134	1	8			1	140	224 00	5,323 97	Hackensack, N. J.
Third Hackensack	Louis Goubel	112	4				3	150	54			20	1	220	40 00	1,007 51	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City	P. V. Van Buskirk, (S. C.)	80	13	2	3		2	134		5		90	1	120	91 00	1,395 12	Closter, N. J.
Palisades	Francis M. Bogardus	65	2	1			4	52	4			50	2	100	50 00	600 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenberg	Vacant	40						30	3			8	1	88		35 00	Guttenberg, N. J.
Central Ave. Jer. City	Charles S. Wright	100	15	13	4		3	159	23	3			1	300	145 00	1,900 00	Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill	J. F. Harris	57	5	2			1	47	2				1	110	45 95	1,247 59	New Bridge, N. J.
Spring Valley	Vacant	24						20					1	48			
Secaucus	Vacant	* 36						42					2	200			Secaucus, N. J.
	Total	1451	243	58	41		64	2491	259	45	1015	985	21	4107	$4093 64	$31,174 45	

Other Ministers.—Wm. R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island. Wm. C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland County, Va. James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

* Report of last year.

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			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	225	60	19	10	---	9	376	21	17	240	250	2	400	$2023 67	$6289 00	509 Bergen Ave., Jersey City.
First Jersey City	Vacant	55	1	---	4	---	1	116	2	---	26	69	1	136	94 92	2056 18	---
First Bayonne	Wm. W. Knox	155	19	21	12	---	2	283	17	6	204	175	2	531	655 11	3639 18	Bayonne, N. J.
Second Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	12	5	3	8	---	5	216	16	---	75	175	1	349	801 16	4200 00	208 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	James F. Riggs	75	10	4	4	1	1	115	3	2	80	75	1	153	1200 00	3500 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second Hudson City	E. A. Menry	102	36	5	1	---	7	340	47	3	355	250	1	540	300 00	3373 72	14 Sherman Place, Jersey City.
Lafayette	Wm. R. Duryee (s. c.)	90	15	4	5	1	2	198	10	4	75	150	1	225	656 00	5400 00	239 Pacific Ave., Jersey City.
Greenville	P. T. Pockman	77	4	13	5	---	1	144	9	---	45	175	1	206	426 21	2102 24	39 Columbia Place, Jersey City.
Free Jersey City	Henry Mattice	75	32	2	6	---	2	163	29	4	130	60	1	250	34 42	1183 64	122 Wayne St., Jersey City.
Third Bayonne	Vacant	30	6	---	---	---	---	64	6	---	110	10	2	150	---	800 00	---
South Bergen	Wm. Vaughan	75	16	12	3	---	2	142	10	1	108	200	1	300	61 53	1796 93	24 Crescent Ave., Jersey City.
First Ger. Evan. Jer. City	John Staehli	52	7	---	---	---	---	134	62	---	169	20	1	224	18 00	1246 79	404 York St., Jersey City.
St. John's Gr. Ev. Bergen	Gottlieb Andreæ	75	18	---	10	---	3	144	34	---	46	13	1	150	10 77	1500 00	110 Clinton Ave., Jersey City.
	Total	1,206	229	83	68	2	35	2435	260	37	1663	1622	16	3614	$6,281 79	$37,087 68	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Prof. in Theological School, Tokio, Japan; Rev. Wm. Westfield, Jr., 116 Mercer St., Jersey City; Rev. C. F. A. Klein Hoboken, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Freehold	Theo. W. Wells	90	3	3	2	—	4	218	3	1	80	80	2	197	$271 74	$1,698 15	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Holmdel	William Reiley	90	—	6	4	1	4	136	3	—	* 88	—	1	100	444 23	1,106 00	Holmdel, " " "
Spottswood	Cyril Spaulding	35	6	—	1	—	2	68	2	2	32	15	3	50	64 17	800 00	Spotswood, Middlesex " "
Middletown	Chas. D. Buck	* 42	1	—	—	—	—	† 72	—	1	* 25	—	1	60	238 43	926 85	Middletown, Monmouth " "
Second Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	105	14	5	5	—	6	245	6	5	* 83	50	1	180	611 80	2,508 30	Freehold, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	50	2	—	—	—	3	† 70	5	—	40	12	1	130	895 00	786 63	Keyport, " " "
First Long Branch	Vacant	95	—	1	6	—	—	200	4	1	* 105	—	2	175	50 76	1,926 10	Long Branch, " " "
Colts Neck	George W. Labaw	106	5	1	7	1	5	168	7	2	113	40	2	100	156 94	949 59	Colts Neck. " " "
Highlands	Vacant	24	—	—	—	—	—	* 33	3	—	* 18	—	1	70	39 00	183 11	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	Wm. H. Ballagh	50	1	3	2	—	2	59	8	1	26	25	1	152	39 46 ‡	604 69	Asbury Park, " " "
	Total	687	32	19	27	2	26	1269	41	13	610	222	15	1214	$2,811 53	$11,489 42	

Other Ministers—Rev. Garret C. Schenck, Emeritus, Bradevelt, Monmouth Co., N. J. Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Supt. of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.

* Last year's report. † Revised list. ‡ Exclusive of Pastor's report.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	Ralph W. Brokaw	141	7	5	2	—	4	189		2	4	122	165	1	200	$444 61	$2,379 58	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First Newark	Tho's Chalmers Easton	190	13	17	8	—	2	428		17	3	———	200	2	500	801 27	5,510 39	Newark, " "
Irvington	Henry Vehslage, (s. c.)	85	3	2	5	—	2	156		2	1	———	50	1	180	———	———	Irvington. " "
Second Newark	John A. Davis	110	19	1	2	—	2	181		3	5	———	———	1	375	614 02	3,199 62	Newark, " "
Franklin	D. W. Skellinger	50	2	2	———	—	1	75		5	2	———	95	1	115	58 86	852 35	Franklin, " "
North Newark	David Waters	256	27	14	8	1	6	513		12	7	———	———	2	814	9,942 54	12,357 31	Newark, " "
West Newark, (German)	Carl Girtanner	88	27	———	3	—	3	260		50	———	———	28	1	260	44 00	2,391 00	" " "
Clinton Ave., Newark	Wm. R. Taylor	180	8	10	9	—	3	377		6	1	———	250	2	877	1,331 15	6,487 49	" " "
East Newark	D. Chas. Preyer	44	5	4	2	1	1	66		9	3	60	90	1	200	113 10	952 67	" " "
Linden Avenue	Supplied	27	———	———	6	—	1	48		3	———	———	———	1	70	———	759 25	———
Christ Church, Woodside	Chas. H. Jones	88	8	14	5	3	—	100		———	4	35	129	1	175	21 00	2,100 00	Newark, " "
Stone House Plains	Wm. G. E. See	45	1	———	1	—	3	78		2	———	———	———	1	105	———	1,338 12	Brookdale, " "
Orange	Geo. S. Bishop	200	9	19	8	—	6	415		13	2	———	220	1	353	2,259 65	*4,524 85	East Orange, " "
Trinity, Plainfield	A. V. V. Raymond	195	4	22	4	—	5	318		8	2	———	150	1	260	1,405 66	5,815 52	Plainfield, Union Co., "
German, Plainfield	Supplied	25	———	———	6	1	—	54		11	———	———	———	1	70	12 00	607 00	———
	Total	1524	133	110	69	6	39	3258		143	32	217	1377	18	4554	$17,049 86	$49,275 15	

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abecl, Newark, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.; Frederick Koechli, Plainfield, N. J.; John N. Jansen, Newark, N. J.

Licentiate.—Livingston L. Taylor. *Exclusive of Pastor's support.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First New Brunswick	Vacant	*262	21	16	32	1	11	*654	27	8	318	170	1	426	$1,755 98	$8,567 82	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Henry D. B. Mulford	150	7	9	9		8	342	8	2	150	93	6	300	1,047 40	1,883 98	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin,(s. c.)	160	6	8	9		5	299	27		200	100	7	200	537 70	3,161 00	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush	James LeFevre	80	4	4	6		2	168	3	1	190	100	1	125	503 57	1,460 30	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	Vacant	40	3	1	5		2	129	4		40	40	2	70	241 63	866 00	Griggstown, N. J.
Second New Brunswick	Manclus H. Hutton	165	11	6	15		6	420	8	2	189	187	2	272	2,278 72	6,774 53	New Brunswick, N. J.
Bound Brook	Augustus F. Todd	40	1		12		3	82	1	1	25	50	1	125	44 96	500 00	Bound Brook, N. J.
Third New Brunswick	Carl Meyer, S. S.																
East Millstone	Alex. McWilliam	70	5	14	8			150		2	30	40	1	90	236 10	1,496 66	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	James Cruikshanks	70	2	2	4			142	6	1			2	194	168 72	1,160 62	Metuchen, N. J.
Suydam St., N. Brunswick	William H. Campbell	43	12	29	2		2	73	2	5			1	86	161 23	1,820 58	New Brunswick, N. J.
	Total	1080	72	79	102	1	39	2459	86	22	1142	780	24	1888	$6,976 01	$28,193 49	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle; Profs. in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; R. J. Quick; Librarian of G. A. Sage Library; John L. See; address of all at New Brunswick, N. J.; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; David F. Williams, New Brunswick, N. J.; Edward Lord, Danby, N. Y.

Missionaries.—Eugene S. Booth, Yokohama, Japan; Kumage Kimura, Tokiyo, Japan.

Candidates.—DeWitt T. Reiley and Alex. G. Van Aken, each of New Brunswick, N. J.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Nebraska.

* Revised list.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	150	14	14	6	4	10	345	26	5	250	150	1	325	$1,578 95	$4,246 14	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	N. H. Van Arsdale	†100	15	4	3	—	6	†187	2	2	150	150	1	158	344 37	6,758 70	Paterson, "
Centerville	John L. Stillwell	20	4	1	4	—	—	45	—	1	1	140	1	140	314 82	1,316 44	Athenia, "
Clarkstown	David M. Talmage	80	1	5	5	—	3	102	4	—	50	—	1	80	218 42	2,081 37	Mont Moor, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	85	3	2	2	—	1	153	19	—	208	45	1	96	169 19	901 44	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Lodi	L. G. Jongeneel	42	2	3	—	—	—	59	4	—	124	—	1	54	10 35	460 16	Lodi, "
Holland, Passaic	Vacant	123	—	13	5	—	1	168	29	—	110	35	1	128	107 10	786 23	Passaic, "
Holland, Wortendyke	John Smith	110	24	4	5	2	4	267	37	—	296	105	4	107	61 49	1,210 57	Wortendyke "
North Passaic	J. H. Whitehead	†82	2	12	7	—	5	†206	8	—	77	—	1	356	404 33	3,332 95	Passaic, "
Nyack	Vacant	165	15	13	16	—	5	352	13	1	170	284	1	320	1,421 26	3,762 25	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	J. C. Van Deventer, (s. c.)	105	13	6	5	—	4	209	6	1	143	90	1	130	323 30	2,758 00	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	14	—	4	—	4	138	7	4	110	150	1	150	109 46	1,702 54	Park Ridge, "
Piermont	Wm. C Stitt	50	2	2	2	—	1	95	4	—	48	65	1	80	336 79	2,038 24	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	Wm. W. Letson	58	2	—	—	—	—	76	—	—	—	60	1	70	69 19	800 00	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys	Wm. W. Letson	15	—	—	—	1	1	34	2	—	—	30	1	35	6 00	120 00	Ramseys, "
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	62	17	4	1	—	—	109	5	2	62	50	1	176	95 07	1,263 12	Ridgewood, "
Saddle River	Wm. N. Todd	54	—	1	2	1	1	89	1	—	—	—	1	60	32 15	756 00	Monsey, N. Y.
Second Lodi	Wm. Mauchee	32	—	—	2	—	1	66	3	1	93	150	1	164	92 00	2,025 00	Lodi, N. J.,
Second Totowa	*John H. Duryee, Peter H. Milliken	150	9	10	5	—	7	294	7	3	158	180	1	458	563 92	3,179 34	Paterson, " " "
Spring Valley	Cor. E. Crispell	85	6	16	2	—	2	114	3	2	54	152	1	177	159 69	1,554 23	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	Wm. H. Williamson	100	1	1	3	—	4	175	4	1	100	60	3	200	188 43	1,626 82	Tappan, N. Y.
Warwick	Vernon B. Carroll	105	9	2	2	—	7	143	—	4	60	75	1	125	926 71	2,155 84	Warwick, "
West New Hempstead	Vacant	37	9	—	—	—	1	75	—	2	18	—	1	100	61 83	572 99	Monsey, "
	Total	1910	162	113	81	8	67	3501	184	29	2282	2227	28	3689	$7,594 82	$45,408 37	

Other Ministers.—R. M. Offord, *N. Y. Observer*; E. G. Ackerman. *Pastor emeritus. †Revised lists.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boardville	Vacant	18	---	20	---	---	---	20	2	---	---	34	1	40	$10 91	$92 00	Midvale, Passaic County, N. J.
Boonton	Albert A. King	69	8	---	2	---	---	116	5	6	116	---	1	145	96 78	1,322 52	Boonton, Morris " " "
Fairfield	B. C. Miller, Jr	75	7	1	16	---	6	170	5	---	52	109	1	109	66 79	767 05	Fairfield, Essex " " "
Franklin Furnace	G. S. Garretson, (P. E.)	60	---	2	---	---	---	21	---	---	1	---	1	140	52 39	660 20	Franklin Furnace, Sus. Co., "
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	65	4	1	4	---	3	143	3	2	---	---	1	140	84 47	1,461 00	Little Falls, Passaic " "
Montville	Jacob O. Van Fleet	82	2	1	1	---	2	140	3	---	60	---	1	110	119 52	1,200 77	Boonton, Morris " "
Sixth Paterson, Holland	Vacant	314	11	9	2	---	7	392	50	---	936	130	1	476	49 60	2,320 00	Paterson, Passaic " "
Pompton Plains	Henry W. Teller	110	38	12	6	---	6	†286	7	19	---	100	5	385	501 98	2,000 00	Pompton Plains, Morris " "
Pompton	T. J. Kommers	74	7	1	*22	---	4	127	---	2	---	---	2	180	400 95	1,096 77	Pompton, Passaic " "
Ponds	Wm. E. Bogardus	55	2	---	1	---	---	72	3	2	---	---	3	170	68 75	950 00	Oakland, Bergen " "
Preakness	J. Russell Verbrycke	49	1	---	2	---	---	125	---	1	---	---	2	85	62 52	862 65	Paterson, Passaic " "
First Totowa, Paterson	J. Lemoyne Danner	100	24	5	7	---	2	†210	13	4	---	---	2	---	192 21	2,982 26	" " " "
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	180	---	12	9	1	5	287	38	---	590	110	1	360	279 64	2,219 39	" " " "
Wyckoff	Sam'l. T. Searle, (S. C.)	90	6	3	4	---	2	119	12	2	100	40	1	98	102 79	1,021 37	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
	Total	1371	110	70	76	1	37	2228	141	38	1793	523	23	2432	$2,004 83	$18,955 98	

Other Ministers.—J. C. Crulkshank, County Superintendent of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; Jas. Demarest, Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis.; A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J.; Jas. E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y.; I. S. DeMund, Emeritus; Ridgewood: Bergen Co., N. J.; Samuel Millett, Wurtsboro, N. Y.

* 20 dismissed to form the Church of Boardville. † Revised list.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
North and Southampton	Samuel Streng	135	8	2	4	---	6	229	10	1	163	130	6	420	$503 76	$1,929 10	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	147	3	15	19	---	4	285	10				‡5	200	350 85	1,818 36	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	150	16	7	12	1	2	*234	9	6	100	70	4	235	435 58	1,631 18	Neshanic, "
First Philadelphia	Wm. R. Taylor ¶	190	28	10	1	---	3	212	8	9	-----	-----	1	370	1,203 67	4,153 70	1224 Spring Garden St., Phila.
Second Philadelphia	Wm. H. Clark, (P. E.)	240	26	3	9	---	2	443	7	10	-----	-----	2	631	2,355 09	5,663 98	1517 N. 10th St., "
Fourth Philadelphia	Cornelius Schenck	140	19	----	2	---	2	300	34	2	-----	50	1	449	486 09	2,968 55	Manayunk, "
Blawenburg	Wm. B. Voorhees, (S. C.)	90	24	8	6	---	2	*169	2	7	-----	-----	†1	150	325 71	1,235 44	Blawenburg, N. J.
Stanton	Chas. W. Pitcher	95	13	5	9	---	3	168	5	2	40	50	1	100	100 00	965 57	Stanton, "
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert	80	5	6	9	---	5	*110	2	1	-----	65	1	65	65 05	2,320 00	Clover Hill, "
Third Philadelphia	Vacant	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	150 00	----	----
Rocky Hill	Josiah E. Crane	66	40	4	4	---	2	*150	1	18	-----	-----	1	105	96 99	1,068 88	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Addisville	Edward Birdsall	75	6	1	4	---	3	124	4	2	56	-----	3	175	118 90	1,467 76	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	162	6	----	---	---	6	223	46	1	-----	41	1	360	178 01	1,472 97	2223 Otis St., Phila.
Three Bridges	Eugene Hill	70	11	18	2	---	2	*111	7	3	-----	61	1	105	62 61	1,302 37	Three Bridges, N. J.
	Total	1550	216	79	81	1	42	2758	145	62	359	467	28	3365	$6,432 31	$28,297 86	

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest, "The Rutland," 208 5th Ave., N. Y.; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna St., Philadelphia, Pa.. A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

* Revised list. † Also five Union. ‡ Of which one Union. ‡ Also 67 non-resident. ¶ Pastor's assistant, Thos. H. Hang, 605 Marshall St., Phila., Pa.



CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.														
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Raritan	J. Preston Searle	210	11	18	12	---	12	483	12	1	----	200	1	275	$929 08	$5,074 43	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	207	12	8	4	---	3	289	9	2	155	----	4	248	418 34	1,522 21	Readington, Hunterdon Co., "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	100	6	3	9	1	4	226	8	1	70	----	2	175	625 35	1,510 15	Bedminster, Somerset " "
Lebanon	William E. Davis	206	6	1	7	---	4	273	3	1	50	30	3	235	207 00	2,109 63	Lebanon, Hunterdon " "
Rockaway	Marion T. Conklin	100	15	2	4	---	3	211	4	8	----	----	5	200	87 80	1,080 51	White House, " " "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	126	9	12	11	1	3	194	10	6	55	50	1	75	502 74	1,132 17	North Branch, Somerset " "
Second Raritan	Edward G. Read	207	21	18	12	---	10	499	14	4	----	65	1	320	1,174 85	4,106 59	Somerville, " " "
Peapack	George W. Scarlett	115	56	2	3	1	4	223	7	14	----	----	1	100	31 92	1,460 12	Peapack, " " "
Branchville	Joel Loucks	102	4	13	9	---	4	306	---	3	----	----	1	150	285 02	1,090 75	South Branch, " " "
Third Raritan	Charles H. Pool	113	7	11	15	2	7	*303	16	2	121	230	1	271	801 06	2,133 23	Raritan, " " "
Easton	George M. S. Blauvelt	70	6	---	4	---	2	135	4	---	----	----	1	80	400 00	2,922 00	Easton, Northampton " Pa.
Pottersville	William Schmitz, Jr	64	1	4	1	4	1	† 86	5	1	69	----	1	93	36 32	1,236 36	Pottersville, Hunterdon " N.J.
High Bridge	Curtis E. Long, S. S	78	13	1	1	---	---	117	7	4	----	130	1	130	22 36	1,048 44	High Bridge, " " "
Clinton Station	Vacant	80	4	1	---	1	3	166	---	3	----	----	1	144	84 03	1,151 93	Annandale, " " "
Fourth Raritan, German	Frederick E. Schlieder	40	1	---	---	---	---	54	18	---	----	3	1	25	5 40	402 18	Somerville, Somerset " "
	Total	1818	172	94	92	10	60	3569	107	40	520	708	25	2521	$5,611 27	$27,980 80	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. Rev. Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, M. J. Rev. J. F. Mesick (s. c.), Blawenburgh, N. J. Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J.

* 40 are non-resident members. † Revised list.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED. Infants.	BAPTIZED. Adults.	BAPTIZED. Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	C. C. & S.S. No. of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. & S.S. Total number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	17	16	--	1451	243	58	41	----	64	2491	259	45	1015	985	21	4107	$4,093 64	$31,174 45	Peter V. Van Buskirk.
South Classis of Bergen	13	14	--	1026	229	83	68	2	35	2435	260	37	1663	1622	16	3614	6,281 79	37,087 68	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	10	--	687	32	19	27	2	26	1269	41	13	610	222	15	1214	2,811 53	11,489 42	Theodore W. Wells.
Classis of Newark	15	20	1	1524	133	110	69	6	39	3258	143	32	217	1377	18	4554	17,049 86	49,275 15	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	11	21	3	1080	72	89	102	1	39	2459	86	22	1142	780	24	1888	6,976 01	28,193 49	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	22	--	1910	162	113	81	8	67	3501	184	29	2282	2227	28	3689	7,594 82	45,408 37	J. C. Van Deventer.
Classis of Passaic	14	18	--	1371	110	70	76	1	37	2228	141	38	179¾	523	23	2432	2,004 83	18,955 98	Samuel T. Searle.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	17	--	1550	216	79	81	1	42	2758	145	62	359	467	28	3365	6,432 31	2?,297 86	William B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	15	20	--	1818	172	94	92	10	60	3569	107	40	520	708	25	2521	5,611 27	27,980 80	John F. Mesick.
Total	132	158	4	12417	1369	715	637	31	409	23968	1366	318	9601	8911	198	27,384	$58,856 06	$277,863 20	



ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to report that they find the books presented to them kept in regular order, viz: those of Bergen, South Bergen, Newark, Paramus, Passaic, Philadelphia and Raritan.

In accordance to the rule added to the "Rules of Order" by this Synod your Committee would report as follows:

Classis of Bergen.—To question 2 five reply, "Not affirmative."

South Classis of Bergen.—All "Yes."

Classis of Newark.—Three answered "No," to question 2; two "No," to question 3.

Classis of Paramus.—To question 2 twelve answer "Yes;" three "Not fully;" two "In spirit;" two "In part;" one, "Try to be faithful." To question 3 one answered "No."

Classis of Passaic.—To question 2 there are three "No's."

Classis of Philadelphia.—To question 2 six answer "No." To question 3 one answers "No."

Classis of Raritan.—All "Yes" but one answer to question 2, which is answered "Not regular."

GEORGE S. BISHOP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report that the following papers have been placed in their hands:

I. 1. A complaint of the Rev. W. R. Gordon, D. D., of the Classis of Bergen, against that Classis in reference to the action of said Classis taken Dec. 14, 1885, in the matter of the occupancy of the pulpit of the Church of Guttenburg, together with the reasons of said complaint.

2. The minutes of the Classis of Bergen containing the action complained of.

3. Certain correspondence between Rev. W. R. Gordon, D. D. and W. J. Sparks.

4. A letter addressed by the Rev. W. R. Gordon, D. D., to the President, *pro tem.* of Classis, dated Dec. 18, 1885, and accompanying the complaint, which letter has been transmitted by that officer to this body, evidently as evidence of compliance with the requirements of Art. XIV, Sec. 13.

Deeming this evidence satisfactory, and the complaint itself being in due form, the Committee recommended that it be entertained; and that if this be done, Rev. I. W. Gowen be appointed as the Commissioner of Classis; and that the order of reviewing the whole case be as follows:

1. The action of Classis, of which complaint is made, to be read.
2. The complaint and reasons of complaint shall be read.
3. The other papers shall be read.
4. The complainant shall be heard.
5. The Commissioner of the Classis shall be heard.
6. The complainant shall be heard in reply.

II. 1. The Report of the Committee appointed by the last Particular Synod, "to sit as assessors with the Classis of Philadelphia," etc.

This report does not directly call for action by this Synod. We recommend that the Committee receive the thanks of Synod and be discharged, and that their report be read in connection with the appeal mentioned hereafter, as bearing upon the subject matter of said appeal.

2. An appeal from certain acts of the Classis of Philadelphia at its special session May 18, 1885; and the reasons for the said appeal.

3. Certificate of the President of the Classis of Philadelphia, that the necessary steps in connection with this appeal had been taken.

4. The book of minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia and an index to such of its contents as refer to the subject matter of this appeal.

5. A book labelled "Minute Book, Consistory Third Reformed Church, Philadelphia."

6. Memorials and communications to the Classis of Philadel-

phia from D. S. Jones and "Board of Trustees," etc., and certain receipts, (marked A, B, C, D and E.)

7. Certificate of the appointment of Geo. F. Gordon, as the counsel of appellants.

8. Certificates of the appointment by the appellants of Rev. A. R. Van Nest, D. D., Rev. C. F. C. Suckow and Dr. H. W. Rihl as commissioners for making explanations in connection with the above appeal, (marked A. B and C.)

9. A supplemental appeal and a complaint on pages 19–26 of a printed pamphlet (marked No. 9.)

The original papers have not been transmitted to the Synod by the President of the Classis of Philadelphia. We have the certificate of Geo. F. Gordon, that these papers were duly prepared and forwarded to the President of Classis, and as the President himself forwarded the printed pamphlet, we recommend that it be accepted by Synod as the regular paper in the case. But since in our judgment this supplemental appeal, and the complaint do not involve any issues, not already brought before Synod, we further recommend that they be simply read in connection with the original appeal as bearing on it.

The papers in this case are in order, except that the language of the appeal and of the reasons is at times of a very improper character to be addressed to an ecclesiastical judicatory; and of the six specifications in the appeal the 5th does not even remotely refer to any unlawful action of the Classis of Philadelphia, and the 6th asks for deliverance upon an abstract question, viz: What constitutes a development of Anti-Christ? We recommend that if this case goes to trial, in addition to the usual caution given members of Synod, the President be directed to caution the contestants to remember the character of this Synod as a Court of Jesus Christ. We also recommend that Synod at once decline to consider the 5th and 6th specifications, the 5th as not containing matter requiring our judicial investigation, and the 6th as not being within the province of this Synod to determine. We recommend that the Counsel and Commissioners, above named, be recognized as representing the appellants, and that the case be proceeded with in constitutional order.

J. P. SEARLE, Chairman.



On motion, the Synod proceeded first to the trial of the appeal of the Third Church of Philadelphia and the complaint of George F. Gordon, these to be considered as parts of the same case, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Judicial Business; and the President of the Synod enjoined upon the members to keep in mind their proper character and conduct as a Court of Jesus Christ.

The case was then constitutionally adjudicated as follows:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

3. All the papers, minutes and documents having relation to the case were read, viz:

(1). The report of Synod's committee appointed to sit as counsel with the Classis of Philadelphia. (2). The certificate of the President of Classis as to the regularity of appeal. (3). Certain statements of the Board of Trustees of the Third Church and of D. S. Jones. (4). Papers certifying the appointment of George F. Gordon as counsel, and Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, Rev. A. R. Van Nest and Dr. H. W. Rihl as Commissioners from the Third Church. (5). The supplemental appeal from the Third Church. (6). Complaint of George F. Gordon.

4. The appellant, the Third Church of Philadelphia, was heard through counsel, George F. Gordon, and was followed by Rev. A. R. Van Nest, who made some explanations.

5. Rev. Wm. B. Voorhees, Commissioner for the Classis of Philadelphia, was heard in behalf of the action of Classis, from which appeal was taken.

6. The appellant was heard in reply through Rev. C. F. C. Suckow.

After all the parties had been fully heard, and all the information gained by Synod which was deemed necessary, the delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia and all the parties directly interested in the case withdrew, when the roll was called, and every member remaining was given an opportunity to express his opinion in the case, after which the final vote was taken, when, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained. The appeal was sustained unanimously.

It was then moved and carried that a committee, consisting of Revs. George S. Bishop, J. P. Searle and Elder T. P. Sher-

wood, be appointed to formulate the decision of the Synod and give the reasons therefor.

The committee in a short time presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, in refusing to recognize George F. Gordon, Adrian Van Helden, Reuben Nichols and James Petit, as the Consistory of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, and in recognizing D. S. Jones and those associated with him as the Consistory of the church, which action was taken at its meeting held May 18th, 1885, be and is hereby reversed.

2. The Synod enjoins the Classis of Philadelphia to expunge from its roll the name of D. S. Jones, and to substitute therefor the name of the Elder regularly accredited by the Consistory of the Third Reformed Church now worshipping at 857 North Broad street, Philadelphia.

3. The Synod also enjoins the Classis of Philadelphia hereafter to insert, in the table of statistics, the statistics of the Third Reformed Church.

In making this deliverance the Synod would also add the following reasons:

1. Because it is acknowledged on all sides that George F. Gordon, Adrain Van Helden, Reuben Nichols and James Petit are, in the regular line of historical succession, the Consistory of the Third Reformed Church.

2. Because the evidence presented by the Classis of Philadelphia that "the party now worshipping in the dwelling house, 857 North Broad street," is in secession from the Third Reformed Church, is, in the judgment of this Synod, utterly inconclusive.

3. Because the position of the Classis of Philadelphia, to wit, that the said "party" was in secession from the Third Reformed Church, confessedly has not been reached by the regular constitutional processes.

But in taking this action, and not insensible of the peculiar circumstances surrounding the appellant, this Synod does not endorse or indicate the least sympathy with the personal inuendoes and direct personal charges with which the appeal and reasons thereof have been unnecessarily and wrongly encumbered.

GEORGE S. BISHOP, *Chairman.*

The parties in the case were called in to hear the decision of Synod, when it was found that the delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia had departed, only the representative of the Third Church appearing, who thanked the Synod for its decision.

The commissioner from the Classis of Philadelphia having



given notice, through a member, that Classis reserved the right of appeal, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That in case of appeal to General Synod, Rev. Geo. S. Bishop and Rev. J. P. Searle be appointed commissioners to defend the action of this Synod.

In reference to the complaint of Rev. Wm. R. Gordon against the Classis of Bergen the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, The minister whose alleged irregular reception by the Classis of Bergen is complained of has left the denomination, and there is, therefore, no present urgency in the case; and

WHEREAS, The constitutional question involved cannot be satisfactorily considered at this prolonged session, therefore,

Resolved, That this complaint be referred to the next Particular Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following report of the committee appointed by the last Synod in reference to the matter of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia v. The Classis of Philadelphia, was received, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:

To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick: The Committee appointed by the Particular Synod of New Brunswick which convened at Orange, N. J., on the 5th day of May, 1885, beg leave to report that they met with the Classis of Philadelphia on the 18th day of May, 1885, that in accordance with their instructions they might assist said "Classis with their presence and counsel" in the consideration of the matters brought before the Synod by Mr. Geo. F. Gordon, in his appeal wherein he and those adhering to him claimed to represent the Third Church of Philadelphia, there were present as members of your committee, Drs. Gordon, Waters and the Rev. Mr. Dean, ministers and Messrs. Gardiner and Robb, elders. Your committee having been received by the Classis of Philadelphia took such part in the conduct of the case as they saw fit, and asked such questions and made such remarks as they deemed proper.

Mr. G. F. Gordon gave evidence at length on behalf of himself

and those adhering to him and claiming to be the consistory of the Third Reformed Church, Philadelphia. Mr. D. S. Jones was heard on behalf of himself and those adhering to him and claiming to be the only representatives of said Third Church. Both parties having been heard very fully, were removed, and the Classis proceeded to consider the case. After all the members of Classis had been called upon to state their views, your representatives were then called upon and not until then for an expression of their opinion regarding the merits of the case. They were not asked for opinion or advice until the case was virtually closed by the expressed judgment of each member of the Classis. The members of committee gave their opinion individually, but the unanimous judgment of the committee clearly expressed was to the effect that Geo. F. Gordon and those adhering to him did truly represent the Third Church, Philadelphia, and should be acknowledged as such consistory and church.

That conclusion was based upon the following considerations:

1. That the appellants had preserved the continued outward and visible life of the church, and had provided for the preaching of the Gospel and the dispensation of ordinances up to the time of the meeting of Classis.

2. That Mr. Gordon had been received from time to time as the representative elder of consistory and acknowledged as such by the Classis, notwithstanding the fact that some members might have made objection to his reception as such representative elder. For example, at the meeting of Classis held April 17, 1883, Mr. Gordon as representative elder presented the call of consistory to the Rev. Dr. Bishop. It also appeared that Mr. Gordon had been received as delegate from the consistory of the Third Reformed Church, voting and taking part in all the proceedings of Classis at the various sessions from April 17, 1883 to April 5, 1885.

3. That the consistory of the Third Church had acted within their right as office-bearers in the church in providing for a more suitable place of meeting. It was alleged on behalf of D. S. Jones and others that this was the duty of the trustees and not of the consistory. The members of Committee did not recognize any right in a Board of Trustees, a body not known to the constitution of the Reformed Church, to override the action of the duly constituted authorities of the church.

4. Mr. D. S. Jones in his testimony before Classis, and in answer to questions by your committee, testified, that his term of two years as elder expired September, 1883, and that he had not been re-elected; also that he and those acting with him had no church organization, held no meetings, did not attend the Sabbath services of the Third Church, nor was the evidence on the other side contradicted that Mr. Gordon and those associated with him were maintaining at their own expense this church organization as heretofore in existence.

5. The members of your committee became convinced during the course of the investigation, that had it not been for the fact that Mr. Jones held a considerable amount of trust funds belonging to the Third Church, there would have been very little question as to the propriety of seating Mr. Gordon as representative elder—why it should be so, your committee does not undertake to say.

6. Nor did your committee see any reason for withholding from Mr. Gordon and those adhering to him an acknowledgment of their rights as office bearers and members of the Third Church, because matters in connection with that church were still in the civil courts, but, rather, in this fact, a stronger reason why the Classis should acknowledge and vindicate their rights; and further that the Classis of Philadelphia erred in refusing to receive Mr. Gordon as the delegate from the Third Church, on credentials duly signed by order of consistory, as required by Article V, Sec. 4 of the constitution.

The committee having been heard, the Classis proceeded to give judgment in the case, of which the following is a certified copy from the minutes of Classis.

The following preamble and resolutions were then moved and seconded:

WHEREAS, At a meeting held by Philadelphia Classis in the church building, 857 N. Broad street, in Michigan, 1883, after approving of the resignation of Dr. Van Nest, pastor, a communication was received from the Consistory of the Church asking that Dr. Van Nest might be their superintendent until a pastor should be elected, and Classis gave its assent thereto, thus recognizing this Consistory; and

WHEREAS, At its next meeting held at Clover Hill, April 17, 1883, Classis again recognized the Consistory of the Church, 857 N. Broad street, as that of the Third Church, by receiving Mr. Geo. F. Gordon as its delegate, and again at the same meet-

ing, by receiving and responding favorably to a communication from this same Consistory, announcing that Dr. Geo. S. Bishop had been elected pastor of the Third Church; and

WHEREAS, At the meeting of Classis held in the Fifth Reformed Church, April 15, 1884, the delegate elected by said Consistory was again received as the delegate of the Third Church; and

WHEREAS, No other delegate has, in the years named, ever presented any credentials from any other body of men claiming to be the Consistory of the Third Church, and no information has reached us that any election of Consistory has been held by any members of the Third Church for the last two years, except that of 857 N. Broad street; and

WHEREAS, No new facts have been presented to us showing cause for reversing these so oft-repeated recognitions by the Philadelphia Classis of the claims of the Consistory at 857 N. Broad street, to be that of the Third Church; therefore

Resolved, That this Classis sees no reason for departing from the rulings of previous Classes on this question, and hereby declares that George F. Gordon, A. Van Helden, Reuben Nichols, and James P. Petit are the Consistory of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia.

In the discussion of these resolutions Geo. F. Gordon and Daniel S. Jones, the contesting parties of the Third Church, the members of the commission from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, and the members of Classis, were heard at length, and the resolutions were *lost*. The ayes and noes being called for, they were found as follows: *Ayes*—Revs. Samuel Streng, F. M. Kip, J. Hart, W. R. Taylor, W. B. Voorhees, J. E. Crane, E. Birdsall; Elders E. Mason, P. Van Nuise, Abm. Cole, H. H. Walker, J. V. H. Whitlock *Noes*—Revs. C. Schenck, C. F. C. Suckow; Elders H. W. Rihl, A. W. Given, Daniel Bohl. Ayes, 12. Noes, 5.

Rev. N. I. Rubinkam was, at his own request, excused from voting, and requested that his reason therefor be recorded, viz: "That with all deference to the will of Particular Synod, as the case of the two contending parties is now progressing in the courts, to which the Classis, on Oct. 16, 1883, after its best judgment, commanded it to be taken, he could not conscientiously determine the question while so pending in the court."

The following was then moved, seconded, and adopted:

Resolved, That Classis recognize Daniel S. Jones, Elder, and Wm. Gracey and Jas. G. Osborn, Deacons, as the lawful Consistory of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia.

The ayes and noes being called for were found as follows:



Ayes—Revs. S. Streng, F. M. Kip, J. Hart, W. R. Taylor, W. B. Voorhees, J. E. Crane; Elders E. Mason, P. Van Nuise, Abm. Cole, H. H. Walker, J. V. H. Whitlock. *Noes*—Revs. C. Schenck. E. Birdsall, C. F. C. Suckow; Elders H. W. Rihl, A. W. Given, Daniel Bohl. Ayes, 11. Noes, 6.

The above is a true copy from the Minutes of Classis of Philadelphia relating to meeting held May 18, 1885.

W. B. VOORHEES, *Stated Clerk.*

It will be seen from this decision that the Classis refused to declare that George F. Gordon, A. Van Helden, Reuben Nichols and James Petit are the Consistory of the Third Reformed Church. Thereafter the Classis immediately proceeded to recognize Daniel S. Jones, Elder, and William Gracey and James G. Osborn, Deacons, as the lawful Consistory of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, a proceeding altogether extra-judicial, because without the knowledge or concurrence of the people of whom they were made representatives by a mere vote of Classis, and that without accusation, deposition and trial of Mr. Gordon and the others associated with him as members of Consistory.

It does not lie within the province of your committee in making this report to do anything more at this stage of the proceedings than simply to report the facts, their opinions thereon, and that they endeavored to discharge their duty according to the best of their ability.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of and by order of the Committee.

D. WATERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The following report from the Committee on Temperance was received, accepted and adopted:

To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick:

The Committee on Temperance would respectfully report:—Your committee met by appointment with the committees of other ecclesiastical bodies in the church parlors of the Reformed Church of Bergen, on the 8th day of December, 1885.

There were present Rev. T. C. Easton, D. D., Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Rev. Charles H. Pool and Rev. Cornelius Brett; also rep-

resentatives, both clerical and lay, from the Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches.

Rev. Charles H. Pool was elected President of the Joint Commission, and Rev. A. E. Ballard was chosen Secretary.

After a very free and full conference on the prospects of the Temperance reform, and the battle against strong drink, it was resolved to memoralize the Senate and House of Assembly of New Jersey, in the name of the Christian churches of the State, humbly praying for the passage of three measures:

First—A general county Local Option law.

Second—A law to prevent more effectually the sale of intoxicating drink to minors.

Third—A law to provide for instruction in the public schools on the hygiene of alcohol.

It was also resolved to proceed in a body to Trenton and urge the importance of these measures on the consideration of the Legislature.

When the Local Option bill, which passed the Senate without material opposition, was pending before the House of Assembly, the committee having the matter in charge accorded a hearing to the Joint Commission, and on a day appointed as many as possible of the representatives of the churches proceeded to Trenton. The hearing was respectful, and the whole subject was presented in a calm and dignified manner. Special emphasis was laid upon the fact that the churches of New Jersey are opposed to the traffic in strong drink, and that the passage of some prohibitory measure is urged by an influential and rapidly increasing body of voters, who have only to unite in support of a measure to make themselves felt in the politics of the State.

The Local Option bill, which was a test question, although warmly supported by many of the members of the House of Assembly, failed to receive votes sufficient to secure its passage. The other measures were not pressed to a vote.

The third meeting of the Joint Commission was held in the pastor's study of the First Baptist Church, Jersey City, on the morning of April 28th, 1886.

A report of the efforts of the Secretary of the Joint Commission to secure the passage of the Local Option bill, after the hearing before the Committee of the House of Assembly, was presented by Rev. A. E. Ballard. He stated, as an encouraging



fact, that the united front of the churches is doing more to convince the statesmen of New Jersey of the necessity of some concession to the Temperance sentiment than all previous agitation.

In order to preserve that united front against the common foe of our religion and our civilization, it was

Resolved, That we advise the co-operation of members of Christian churches of all denominations in a hearty effort to secure the election to the Legislature of members who will agree to vote for Local Option, or such other prohibitory measure as will submit the question to a vote of the people.

Your committee recommend that this resolution be made the action of Particular Synod; that the attention of the several Classes within the State of New Jersey be specially called to the matter; and that they be urged to take such action as the exigencies of the several localities suggest.

Your committee also recommend that a committee of three Ministers and two Elders be appointed to form part of the Joint Commission on Temperance of the State of New Jersey for the coming year.

CHARLES H. POOL, *Chairman.*

Synod appointed the following as Committee of Conference and Co-operation on Temperance for the next year: Revs. Charles H. Pool, Thomas C. Easton, Cornelius Brett; Elders Richard B. Ferris, Martin L. Senderling.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

The following committee was reported by Committee on Nominations and appointed:

For one year: Revs. Jacob O. Van Fleet, W. H. Williamson. Elder, James Ware.

For two years: Revs. Isaac W. Gowen, Jas. F. Riggs. Elder, T. P. Sherwood.

For three years: Revs. C. Brett, Geo. S. Bishop. Elder, Wm. Robb.

ARTICLE XVII.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The following committee was appointed as reported by Committee on Nominations:

For one year: Revs. J. F. Harris, P. T. Pockman. Elder, Jacob Ringle.

For two years: Revs. Wm. H. Ballagh, A. V. V. Raymond. Elder, S. H. Wheeler.

For three years: Revs. H. D. B. Mulford, Wm. W. Letson. Elder, Wm. Millar.

ARTICLE XVIII,

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The interests of the Board of Foreign Missions were presented to the Synod by Rev. A. J. Hutton, the accredited representative of the Board, in an instructive, timely and encouraging address, for which the Synod gave him a vote of thanks.

ARTICLE XIX.

TREASURY.

The Treasurer's report was received, read, and referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

NEW YORK, May 4, 1886.

G. VAN NOSTRAND, Treasurer, in account with

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

DR.

1885.	By balance May 4th, 1885.....	$222 44
May 6th,	Classis of Bergen, (Arrears).....	12 00

Aug. 26th.	Classis of Paramus		20 00
Oct. 26th.	" " South Bergen		12 50
" 30th.	" " New Brunswick		10 00
Nov. 25th.	" " Raritan		18 50
1886.			
Jan. 25th.	" " Philadelphia		18 00
Feb. 19th.	" " Passaic		15 00
March 8th.	" " Newark		13 00
April 5th.	" " Monmouth		8 00
" 22d.	" " Bergen		12 00
			$361 44

1885.	CR.		
June 18th.	*Unionist-Gazette*	$103 25	
July 27th.	W. R. Gordon	4 00	
Nov. 7th.	Rev. C. H. Pool	61 04	
1886.			
April 5th.	Board Publication	90	
			$169 19
	Balance in Treasury		$192 25

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Treasurer's Report announced that upon examination they found the Treasurer's account correct. The committee also recommended that the usual assessments be made upon the Classes for the coming year.

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 9 o'clock A. M., 3 P. M. and 7:45 P. M., as the hours of meeting, and 12.30 P. M. and 5 P. M., as the hours of adjournment.

The first hour after the opening of Synod and the first half hour of each day's session was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed on the afternoon of Wednesday, the second day. Rev. David Waters, the President, presided and read the Form. Prayer was offered by Revs. C. Brett and I. P. Brokaw, Revs. J. F. Harris and R. W. Brokaw distributed the bread and gave the cup, assisted by

Elders Albert Cheesebro, C. C. Hine, John Voorhees, and W. D. Holmes.

On Wednesday evening Rev. Edward G. Read, by appointment of the last Synod, addressed the Synod on "Prevalent Forms of Sabbath Desecration and the Best Means of Arresting the Evil."

On motion it was *resolved:* That the thanks of this Synod are hereby given to Rev. E. G. Read, for his thoughtful, practical, suggestive and timely address.

It was on motion *resolved:* That the following be added to the Rules of Order:

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Classical Minutes to present an *exact transcript* of the records of the answers to constitutional questions 2 and 3.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Nomination, the following appointments for the special discourse before the next Synod were made: Primarius, Rev. Wm. R. Taylor; Secundus, Rev. R. W. Brokaw. Subject, "What aid can the Christian Church give towards solving the Industrial Questions now agitating society."

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That this Synod memorialize the General Synod to rescind the action recorded on pp. 121 and 122 of the Digest in reference to Committees on Church Visitation and Church Extension, because we believe that the duties of such committees can be more efficiently discharged by similiar committees in the Classes; or, if it be thought needful to maintain Particular Synod's Committee, that the requirements of the resolution be so modified that the chairmen of the similar committees in the several Classes be Synod's Committee.

Resolved, That hearty thanks be tendered to the Pastor, consistory and congregation of the Reformed Church of Lafayette for their generous hospitality to this Synod, and that five dollars be paid the sexton for his services.

Resolved, That 450 copies of the minutes of this session of the Synod be printed.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were nominated by the Classes and confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Andrew B. Taylor, Elder, John C. Zabriskie,



Rev. Isaac E. House, Elder Peter Dubois,
" Louis Goubel, " Philip Shaffer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. S. Wright, Elder, Jacob Newkirk,
" Arthur Johnson, " Peter Bogert, Jr.,
" Isaac W. Gowen, " James Ware.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D. D., Elder, Garret E. Winants,
" Wm. R. Duryee, D. D., " M. L. Senderling,
" Wm. Vaughan, " G. D. Van Reipen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Mattice, Elder, James P. Zabriskie,
" John Staehli, " James C. Lindsay,
" Wm. W. Knox, " James A. Williamson.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. H. Ballagh, Elder, David Harvey,
" Geo. W. Labaw, " John Smock,
" Cyril Spaulding, " J. D. Johnson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Reiley, D. D., Elder, J. H. Heyer,
" Theo. W. Wells, " L. G. Schenck,
" Elias Mead, " D. P. Van Brockel.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D. D., Elder, Samuel O. Crane,
" Geo. S. Bishop, D. D., " C. T. Williamson,
" Thomas C. Easton, D. D., " John Duncan.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Oscar Gesner, Elder, Nelson Jacobus,
" A. V. V. Raymond, " Jos. S. Mundy,
" Ralph W. Brokaw, " Jotham H. Condit.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Wm. H. Campbell, D. D.,	Elder,	Cornelius Bergen,
"	Mancius H. Hutton, D. D.,	"	Hiram Garretson,
"	Jacob Cooper, D. D.,	"	John H. Van Cleef.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Henry D. B. Mulford,	Elder,	Theodore Skillman,
"	James Le Fevre,	"	Jacob Wyckoff,
"	Augustus F. Todd,	"	Alfred Voorhees.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	James Huyssoon,	Elder,	Peter Breen,
"	Wm. Manchee,	"	Dugald McNair,
"	David M. Talmage,	"	John Ryley,
"	Edward Lodewick,	"	P. M. Holdrum.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	N. H. Van Arsdale,	Elder,	W. L. Williams,
"	Robert M. Offord,	"	Joseph A. Sproul,
"	John A. Van Neste,	"	J. Fred. Cruse,
"	Vernon B. Carroll,	"	C. H. Demarest.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	J. Russell Verbrycke,	Elder,	J. R. Berdan,
"	T. J. Kommers,	"	W. S. Williams,
"	Wm. E. Bogardus,	"	S. P. Demarest.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Henry W. Teller,	Elder,	S. P. Roome,
"	Benj. C. Miller, Jr.,	"	H. V. Doremus,
"	Samuel T. Searle,	"	Adam Van Orden,

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Wm. R. Taylor,	Elder,	H. H. Walker,
"	Edward Birdsall,	"	George W. Craven,
"	N. I. M. Bogert,	"	L. S. Blackwell.



SECUNDII.

Rev. Samuel Streng,	Elder, Abm. Lukens,
" Francis M. Kip,	" Daniel Stryker,
" John Hart,	" Wm. Amerman.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward G. Read,	Elder, F. V. L. Wyckoff,
" George W. Scarlett,	" J. H. Winget,
" Joel Loucks,	" Sylvester Robins.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. H. Pool,	Elder, Jacob Dilts,
" Geo. M. S. Blauvelt,	" Edward F. Stewart,
" Wm. Schmitz,	" John C. Latourette.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following were reported by the Committee on Nominations and appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. Wm. Gordon. *Secundus*, Rev. A. V. V. Raymond.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.—Primarius, Rev. John Hart. *Secundus*, Rev. C. F. C. Suckow.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. J. Howard Suydam. *Secundus*, Rev. I. P. Brokaw.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Lebanon, N. J., on the first Tuesday of May, 1887, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer by the President.

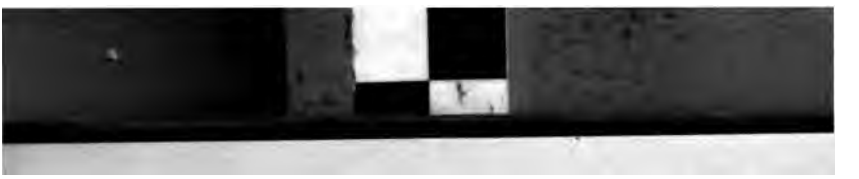
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CORNELIUS BRETT, *Vice President.*

J. P. SEARLE,
HENRY DuB. MULFORD, } *Clerks pro tem.*

A true copy of the original minutes.

CHAS. H. POOL, *Stated Clerk.*



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MINUTES

OF THE

PARTICULAR SYNOD

OF

New Brunswick,

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Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in regular session in the Reformed Church of Lebanon, N. J., on Tuesday, May 3, 1887, at 3 o'clock P.M., and continued in session until Wednesday evening, May 4.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President of the last Synod, Rev. David Waters, D.D., who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening from Colossians 1:28, 29—"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen—Ministers, George Seibert, Louis Gœbel, Andrew B. Taylor, Herman Vanderwart.

South Classis of Bergen—Elders, James A. Williamson, John Van Horne.

Classis of Monmouth—Ministers, George W. Labaw, Cyril Spaulding. Theodore W. Wells. *Elders*, John A. Smock, J. S. Herbert.

Classis of Newark—Ministers, David Waters, D.D., Ralph W. Brokaw, Charles H. Jones, Benjamin C. Miller. *Elders*, John Duncan, Joseph H. Shafer, P. P. Van Arsdale.

Classis of New Brunswick—Ministers, Robert V. Palmer, Ralph Willis. *Elders*, Lawrence Vanderveer, Abm. Wood.

Classis of Paramus—Ministers, William H. Williamson, J. W. Warnshuis, Vernon B. Carroll. *Elders*, Abm. C. Holdrum, C. Van Heest, James Wisner.

Classis of Passaic—No delegates present from this Classis.

Classis of Philadelphia—Ministers, Abm. R. Van Nest, D.D., N. I. M. Bogert, Wm. B. Voorhees. *Elders*, George F. Gordon, N. W. Young, James Van Zandt.

Classis of Raritan—Ministers, Marion T. Conklin, P. M. Doolittle, Edward G. Read, Curtis E. Long. *Elders*, Josiah Cole, Richard F. Hageman, George V. Tunison.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Edward G. Read was elected *President.*

Rev. William B. Voorhees was elected *Vice President.*

Rev. William H. Williamson and Rev. Marion T. Conklin were elected *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The minutes of the last session and the above-named bequest were read, according to the rules of the Synod.



Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading was omitted.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes—Revs. Ralph Willis, Geo. W. Labaw. *Elder*, Lawrence Vanderveer.

On Classical Minutes—Revs. George Seibert, Benjamin C. Miller. *Elder*, J. A. Smock.

On Classical Reports—Revs. David Waters, J. W. Warnshuis. *Elder*, Abm. C. Holdrum.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Revs. Theo. W. Wells, P. M. Doolittle. *Elder*, James A. Williamson.

On Nominations—Revs. Vernon B. Carroll, Ralph W. Brokaw. *Elder*, George V. Tunison.

On Treasurer's Report—Elders, John Duncan, J. S. Herbert.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

1. An overture to General Synod for an amendment to the Constitution in reference to doctrinal instruction in Catechisms.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. An overture to General Synod recommending some changes in making up Consistorial and Classical reports.

Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York, and Chicago, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes. The committee reported that they found nothing in the minutes requiring the attention of this Synod.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Classical Reports beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find that there is such a statement of work done, and results therefrom reported by many of the Churches, as is fitted to stir the hearts of God's people to gratitude, for the tokens of His favor which He has vouchsafed to our branch of the Church of Christ.

I. STATISTICS.

The number of Churches reported is 134, a gain of 2 over last year, while the number of ministers is 152, showing as compared with last year a decrease of 6. This is accounted for by the death of some and the removal of others to fields of labor outside of the bounds of this Synod. The number of families is 12,955, giving an increase of 538. The number received on confession is 1,468, giving an increase in the number received over the preceding year of 99, while 788 were received from other Churches. The total enrollment of communicants is 24, 443, giving as compared with last year, both by certificate and confession, a net gain of 475.

Your Committee would repeat what was said by the Committee last year, that there must be something wrong in the method of keeping the records. The numbers received on confession and by certificate make a total of 2,256; while dismissions, suspensions



and deaths number only 1,244; leaving a net gain of 1,012 as against the number stated above, viz., 475.

Now, if Consistories, in making up their reports, would add the total number of those received on confession and by certificate to the number reported in the preceding year; and deduct from that total all those who have been removed from the communion roll by death, suspension, excommunication, dismissal or removal from the roll in any other way, an exact return would be given; the results of which would always compare correctly with that of the preceding year.

The total number of Sabbath Schools is 192, showing as compared with last year a loss of 6; while the number of pupils reported, 28,221, shows an increase of 837. The decrease of the number of Sabbath Schools is to be accounted for, not by the extinction of the Schools, but because of imperfect returns.

The number reported under the head of Catechumens is only 8,770. This your Committee believes to be an exceedingly inaccurate statement of the actual facts.

II. FINANCE.

The benevolence of the Churches is still kept at a somewhat high standard; the total amount reported for all benevolent objects being $61,559.87. Showing an increase of $2,703.81, and average contribution of $2.51 per member; this being for benevolent objects outside of the contributions for congregational purposes. For these objects, the large sum of $294,907.19 was contributed during the past year, being an increase of $17,043.99, and at the average rate of $12.06 per member, making an average for all purposes of $14.57.

Your Committee has prepared the following tabulated statement showing the average contribution per member for benevolent objects and congregational purposes, by members of the several Classes. Such a comparison may be stimulating to those who are lagging behind, and encouraging to those who are going forward. Were each Classis to make such an average for the congregations, the results would be both helpful and perhaps surprising.

Classis.	Benevolent Objects.	Congregational.
Bergen	$1 94	$12 80
South Bergen	3 21	16 32
Monmouth	1 34	8 38
Newark	4 50	13 00
New Brunswick	3 47	8 87
Paramus	2 25	11 37
Passaic	1 11	10 20
Philadelphia	2 13	12 11
Raritan	1 64	7 34
Synod of New Brunswick	2 51	12 06

The following Classes have exceeded the average of the whole synod in their contributions for benevolent objects: South Bergen, Newark, New Brunswick; and for congregational purposes—Bergen, South Bergen and Newark.

III. STATE OF RELIGION.

An examination of the spiritual condition of the Churches as disclosed in the statistical tables, and the reports of the Classes on the state of Religion, emphasize the fact that the past year has been marked by faithful and earnest work on the part of pastors and those who labor with them for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. The results are seen in large accessions to the membership of many of our Churches. In some cases special religious services were held, while in the greater number the preaching of the Word and the other ordinary means of grace were relied upon for the fulfilment of the Master's promise. Nor were His servants disappointed. In some reports, presented by the Classes, reference was made not only to the work of the Sabbath school, but to efficient help, which in many cases has been given by Ladies' Associations. In every case, when properly managed, they have proved to be exceedingly helpful. Young People's Associations have proved to be exceedingly helpful in holding the older pupils of our Sabbath Schools and in training them to work.

IV. AGGRESSIVE WORK.

In looking over the reports of the various Classes, one is almost tempted to think that ours is a Church which has ceased to be aggressive. Your Committee does not wish to be misunderstood. Individual congregations are aggressive, and are not only holding their own, but making very marked progress. What your Com-



mittee specially refers to is the fact that there seems to be no attempt on the part of the several Classes to set up the banner of the Reformed Church in new localities in the home field. Surely the Synod of New Brunswick has within its borders not a few places where genuine missionary work might be done, and in process of time new congregations organized. It is, in the opinion of your Committee, fully as important to evangelize the waste places of the East as the prairies of the West.

V. NECROLOGY.

The following brethren have finished their work and have been mustered out of service by the Master whom they served:

In the Classis of New Brunswick the Rev. John Addison Van Doren died on August 24, 1886; in the same Classis the Rev. Peter J. Quick died Nov. 10, 1886; in the Classis of Passaic, the Rev. Jas. Demarest, D.D. died at the advanced age of 90, on the 25th of January, 1887; the Rev. A. G. Ryerson died Feb. 18, 1887, at the age of 70.

Herewith your Committee transmits the Reports on the State of Religion and the statistical tables of the several Classes.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS.

In closing their report your Committee would recommend:

1. That Synod express its gratitude to God for His great goodness to the Churches under its care during the year which has closed.

2. That Classes be instructed to deal with all the Churches under their care, so that contributions may be made by each congregation to all the benevolent schemes of the Church. It is further recommended that at the Autumn meeting of each Classis an investigation be made as to the manner in which the Churches have complied with the requirement of General Synod to make contributions to all the schemes of the Church.

3. That Classes instruct the Churches to exercise greater care in preparing their statistical returns so that such discrepancies as those to which reference has been made may be avoided.

4. That Classes be encouraged to seek out and cultivate those portions of their own home field where Mission Stations may be planted or Churches organized.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. WATERS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion, in making an annual report of the same, think it best to adhere to the custom, long prevalent among us, to let the facts speak for themselves as presented by the several churches under the care of Classis. This seems the best way of reaching a fair judgment in the case.

Your committee is enabled to say that this year's report, in contrast with the last one rendered to Particular Synod, contains matters of encouragement, both in regard to spiritual and temporal affairs.

The report of *English Neighborhood* speaks well for pastor and people, saying that "the Word is faithfully preached and heard with profit. Several are cherishing the hope of the Christian, who, as yet, hesitate to make a public profession of religion."

The First Church of Hackensack reports a large accession to its membership, and in every department of labor encouragement to hope for more abundant fruit.

The Church of Schraalenberg reports the addition of seventeen to the membership, with good reason to believe that nine more will soon confess themselves on the Lord's side. The services during the past Winter have averaged from four to five each week and have been well attended. A lecture-room has been built at Oradell, costing $1,775, with no debt, and have reason to thank God for the grace bestowed and the work done.

The Church of New Durham reports the past year as one of marked prosperity, having enjoyed showers of Divine blessing in all departments of its work. A new Lecture and Sunday School room has been built at a cost of $3,200.

The German Evangelical Church of Hoboken has given us its statistical report, which would have justified a paragraph of encouraging remarks, which, however, has not been written, but your committee infer its prosperity from the figures recorded.

The German Evangelical Church of North Bergen reports that the work of the Lord among them has been continued without interruption, having enjoyed a year of peace and harmony, of God's grace and mercy bestowed, while the attendance upon divine services has been better than before.

The Second Church of Hackensack has been favored with additions at every communion during the year, its services well attended, and its prosperity otherwise indicated by the improvements made upon its property.

The Church of Closter, recently vacated by the removal of its late minister to another field, has given us its statistical report, from which we infer, by the figures, that it is spiritually and financially in an encouraging condition.

The Church of the Palisades has suffered much by removals and deaths during the last year. The circumstances of this church are peculiar, and somewhat trying to faith and patience, but both are encouraged by the prospective advantages of its position. It is deserving of every effort that can be made in its behalf. "The changes now going on, it is expected, will bring in a large increase of population, and a corresponding growth of the church."

The Church of Cherry Hill reports continuous progress in its work in Sabbath and other services with encouraging attention and undiminished attendance. They are hopeful, trustful, prayerful, from indications that encourage the efforts of pastor and people.

The Church of Spring Valley is still without a pastor. Rev. Mr. Seibert continued to supply them the second and fourth Sabbaths of every month up to last September, when he discontinued his labors there, on account of the demands upon them within his own peculiar pastorate.

The Church of Westwood, organized Oct. 13, 1886, reports that divine service has been statedly observed since their organization as a church, and that the money raised among them has been used in the payment of supplies. They say: "Westwood is growing, and the prospects of this infant church are encouraging. The congregation has taken steps to build, and will soon have a church edifice." They report a "prayer and teachers' meeting weekly, held with growing interest," and "a Sabbath School having an average attendance of ninety-five."

In all the churches above spoken of increase and prosperity, for the most part, are gratefully acknowledged, both in Sabbath School work and weekly religious meetings. The Boards of the Church are, for the most part, remembered, while the spirit of benevolence discovers more activity, as shown by the general statistical tables herewith presented.

The changes that have occurred during the year are as follows: The Rev. Peter V. Van Buskirk has been released from the Church of Closter, and dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island, within whose bounds he has received a call and is now

settled. The Rev. I. W. Freund has been received from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and settled as pastor of the Evangelical Church of Hoboken.

Before closing your committee think it incumbent upon them to speak of two things in connection with this report which should receive the special attention of Classis:

1st. The Constitution says (Art. vi., sec. 7): "It shall be the duty of the several *Consistories* to make a statistical report to the Classis at their meeting immediately preceding the annual meetings of the Particular Synod," etc. In every report, excepting two, of this year, the phrase, "By order of Consistory," is omitted. Your committee think the record of the fact implied in this phrase is necessary to the validity of annual reports presented to Classis by every church under its care.

2d. This Classis directed, and its Clerk published, that said reports should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion *at least* ten days previous to the session of Classis when said report must be made. Your committee have to say that out of eighteen churches on its roll only six have complied with its direction in this particular. Classis must see that such neglect largely defeats the object contemplated in such direction. The action of General Synod on statistical reports, and endorsed on the backs of blanks for the returns of Stated Clerks, is, that the reports of the previous year be repeated in the case of neglect of this kind, with explanatory notes appended. Three cases of this kind occur, in two of which the reports of last year are repeated, and the other the report of two years ago; neither of which is counted in the casting up of figures in the present table of Classis.

Your committee conclude by recommending the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Classis gratefully express and record sincere thanks to the God of all grace in Christ Jesus for all the mercies bestowed during the past ecclesiastical year, praying for greater enlargement of heart and greater efficiency in the work of the Lord.

2. *Resolved*, That Consistories be directed to observe the constitutional requirement in Art. vi., sec. 7, touching the authentication of their annual reports, as indicated in said Article.

By order of Committee,

W. R. GORDON, *Chairman.*



SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

There have been referred to your Committee reports from all the Churches under the care of the Classis. These have been tabulated according to the form prepared by General Synod, a copy of which accompanies this report. The several reports make entries in all the columns prescribed by General Synod, with the following exceptions:

The First Reformed Church of Jersey City, having suspended all Church work on the first of May last, reports only the number dismissed, died, and now on the roll of membership. Owing to the absence of a pastor, the Church of Greenville makes no report of baptized non-communicants, or catechumens.

After carefully digesting the statistical tables, and the written reports, your Committee would present the following brief summary:

Within the bounds of the South Classis of Bergen, the year has been spent amid such varying scenes of encouragement and discouragements as have ever marked the progress of the Church of Christ. The territory covered by our parishes includes the greater part of Jersey City and the whole City of Bayonne. We have no longer any rural congregations, and our communities are fast losing their suburban character. To all intents and purposes these cities form part of the Metropolitan District. In the occupation of this field the Reformed Dutch Church was more than a century in advance of every other denomination; and at one time virtually the whole territory was owned by members of our congregations. But, while it seems that here if anywhere the Church of our Fathers ought to flourish, we cannot ignore the fact, that while for the last decade growth in population has been phenomenal, the Churches have made comparatively little headway. The last English-speaking Church was organized in 1874, since which time our congregation has been disbanded, and another is now about forming a union with a Sister Church.

In 1877 twelve Churches reported to Classis with an aggregate of 1,020 families, and 1,732 members. The present report, excluding the First Reformed Church of Jersey City. enrolls the same number of Churches, with an aggregate of 1,228 families, and 2,489 members. This gain of 208 families and 759 members, although we thank God for it, evidently has not kept pace with the increase in population.

With one or two exceptions our Churches are just holding their

own. The fact is patent, either that they are not meeting with the ministry of the gospel the new population which is flooding our vacant lots and building tenements where once were simple homes; or else the character of the new comers is such as to prevent our methodical measures from reaching their homes and hearts.

We heartily deplore the loss of the once prosperous and influential "First Reformed Church of Jersey City," which, after a desperate effort to live alone, is now awaiting the sale of its property to consummate the union with the Second Church which has been agreed upon.

During the last few years two new German churches have been organized, and one-third of our churches now receive their ministrations in the language of Martin Luther. This is an encouraging feature of our classical work. All of these churches are ably officered, and are hopeful for future growth from the immense German immigration seeking our shores.

The Pastorate.—Every pulpit, except that of the First Church of Jersey City, has been filled during the greater part of the year. The removal of the Rev. P. T. Pockman has created a vacancy in the Church of Greenville; but the congregation are making arrangements for the prosecution of a call, and will soon be supplied with a pastor of their choice. Our sympathies are still with Rev. Dr. Van Cleef, the oldest settled pastor in our Classis, on account of his enforced vacation, but we congratulate him that he has so far regained his health, and both pastor and people are earnestly hoping that he may soon be sufficiently restored to resume his active duties. In every church pastoral relations continue most happily and with every prospect of permanence.

As to Families.—Compared with last year, the census shows a gain of 22.

In our Membership.—It has been a year of development within, rather than growth from without. No revivals are reported, although many speak of a healthful state of spiritual life. One of our German churches, the smallest of the family, reports the largest accession—40 members on confession of faith, being one new convert for every family in the congregation. Every church reports accessions by confession; and the aggregate is 188. Churches still seem to be revising their rolls of membership. One church, whose statistics show an increase of 39 and a loss of 24, making a net increase of 15, reports only six members more than last year; the remainder are absorbed in the absentee list.



Our reports show that the ordinance of *Holy Baptism* is not neglected among us. Especially in our German churches has a large number of infants been baptized. The banner belongs to the First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City, where 77 infants were baptized in a congregation of 58 families.

As to Baptized Non-Communicants and Catechumens.—The variations of the figures in these columns lead us to suppose that they have been calculated according to arbitrary rules, and are not of great value in estimating the relative strength of the churches, or the success of the pastor in catechising.

One of the most encouraging features of our church work during the year has been the growth of our *Sunday Schools.* A church which reports an increase of only seven families has added 98 to its enrollment of scholars. Another, which reports 15 new families, has added 81 to its Sunday School. Still another, where the number of families is stationary, reports 50 new scholars. Two schools show a small decrease in this roll. Another just holds its own. All the rest have made substantial progress. The Sunday School of the First Church of Jersey City has been taken bodily into the Second Church. The aggregate increase in Sunday School enrollment over that of last year is 154.

In Benevolence.—We miss from our reports, save in one or two instances, the detailed statements of collections, which have been given in previous years. Every church, with one exception, has made a contribution to the denominational work. The amounts contributed vary slightly from the average. The Church of Bergen Point gives the largest amount per member—$9.64; Lafayette stands next with $5.31, and Bergen third with $5.19. The aggregate of benevolent contributions is $1,728.30 greater than last year. The importance of this branch of the service cannot be over-estimated, as a means of grace to the giver, as well as carrying forward the work of the Church of Christ. Every church should press its benevolence on the individual conscience.

Contributions for Congregational Purposes show a healthful activity in caring for the beauty of the sanctuary. Every congregation writes its contributions for church support in *four figures.* Only one salary is supplemented by the Board of Domestic Missions, and the church which has received it will now be self-sustaining. One church reports the building of a chapel; another the payment of the last debt on one built in a previous year, while a third is accumulating means to purchase a lot and build

a new house of worship. These are signs of encouragement which promise better things in the future.

Since it is the policy of the Reformed Church to send the reports from the churches to the higher judicatories, as far as possible, in their original form, we copy and condense the following:

Bergen.—"The church is heartily united and thoroughly organized. Our census shows a small gain in every column; but the continued revision of our roll so far enlarges our 'absentee list,' as to limit our net increase of members in full communion to six."

First Jersey City.—"No services of any kind have been held since the 1st of May last. There are 71 members on the books of the church who have neglected to take their letters of dismission. The Sabbath School was taken bodily to the Second Reformed Church, and incorporated with their school. The church property remains unsold, and the Consistory, by legal advice, hold over, in order to give a title whenever a sale is made."

Bayonne.—"The increase of membership is above the average of past years. The largest growth is seen in the Sabbath Schools. Bethlehem Mission is almost self-supporting. Thirty-nine scholars are members of the church." The report still further summarizes the results of a five years' ministry: "1. The church property was freed from debt in the first year, and has remained so. 2. A Mission Chapel was built at a cost of $2,300, paid for and equipped. 3. Improvements upon parsonage and church have been made, amounting to $3,000. 4. Our church membership increased from 197 to 290. 5. Our Sunday Schools from 247 to 612. 6. Our charities from $151 to $498."

Second Jersey City.—"On Easter Sunday, 1886, at a farewell service in the First Reformed Church, our pastor, Rev. Dr. Van Cleef, was seized with serious illness. A cordial invitation had been conveyed to the members of the First Church to carry out their plan of union by attending our services. On the first Sabbath after Easter the First Church was largely represented, but our pastor was not with us. A vacation of a year was granted to him. He is now attending to parochial duties, and hopes in due time to resume those of the pulpit. Our church services have been kept up without interruption, and the Sunday School continues to flourish. Most acceptable services have been rendered, chiefly by Rev. Dr. John DeWitt, of the Theological Seminary."

rgen Point.—"Of the $7,500 given for congregational pur-
, $4,000 were expended for a new Sunday School building
ecture-room."

ond Hudson City.—"We are thankful to God for the special
ng which he has bestowed upon us this year. The attend-
at the services has been large. The spiritual standing of
ers is good. A mortgage of $2,000 on the parsonage has
paid, without assistance of other churches. The church is
ly free from debt."

fayette.—"The last of a floating debt upon our chapel has
paid, and all the current expenses promptly met. The at-
nce at all services has been excellent and the offerings for
olent purposes are larger than for years. The members
have been received into full communion have been of an
nd character to strengthen greatly the church."

reenville.—"The church is as prosperous as can be expected
r the circumstances. There has been a slight decrease in
dance since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Pockman. It has
resolved to extend a call to Mr. Bruce of the Union Theo-
al Seminary of New York, as soon as he becomes a candi-
Under their new pastor the church hopes for an era of
erity."

ee Church of Jersey City.—"There has been a marked ad-
e in Christian life and work among our young people. We
ery much encouraged at the manifest deep interest among
older scholars of our Sunday School. By the aid received
our Board and other kind friends we have been enabled to
tly improve and comfortably seat our chapel."

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is in a flourishing condition. The attendance at all services
rge and constantly increasing. A fund is accumulating for
purchase of a lot adjoining their present house of worship, on
h they contemplate erecting a new building. For this rea-
the church has not been able to contribute to the Boards."

St. John's German Evangelical of Bergen sends only statistics.

Ministerial Changes.—The engagement of the First Reformed Church of Jersey City with the Rev. Wm. Westerfield as stated supply ceased on the first of May, 1886. The pastoral relation between the Rev. P. T. Pockman and the Church of Greenville was dissolved December 31, 1886, and the Rev. P. T. Pockman dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick. John Laubenheimer, a graduate of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, was examined for licensure on the 27th of May, 1886. The examination having been sustained a license to preach the Gospel was granted, and the candidate dismissed to the Classis of Paramus, within whose bounds he had accepted a call. The Rev. C. F. R. Klein, being desirous of laboring in a mission field in the West, was, on the 19th of October, 1886, dismissed to the Classis of Iowa.

CORNELIUS BRETT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

On account of not receiving reports from several of the churches of the Classis, your committee have waited until the last moment to make out their report, which, after all, can be but partial, since only six out of the ten churches on our roll have responded, viz: Spotswood, Middletown, Second Freehold, Colts Neck, Highlands, and Asbury Park.

The statistics of these churches, as rendered, except in the cases of the Second Freehold and Asbury Park, do not compare favorably with last year's tables. Middletown and Colts Neck particularly have lost greatly in the number of families by death and removals. Had it not been for Asbury Park gaining fifteen families, the aggregate loss to the Classis in families would have been much greater than it is—it being only seven.

As to the membership of the churches reporting, a smaller number has been received on confession than was reported by the same churches last year, while the number received on certificate by these six churches alone is the same as that given in last year by the whole Classis. But, to offset this, the number of dismissals and deaths has been greater this year than last, so that there has actually been an aggregate loss in the membership of eleven persons.

As to contributions for religious and benevolent purposes on

he part of the churches reporting, there has been a decrease of $53.87—although Spotswood and second Freehold have given nore this year than last; while on the other hand there has been n increase of $753.80 from the same churches for congregational urposes,—an increase due mainly to about $1,000 extra being aised and expended by Colts Neck for repairs, and a few hunlred dollars by Spotswood in the extinguishment of its debt; otherwise there would have been a sad falling off likewise in this espect for the year.

We sorely regret both the indisposition of some churches and nembers and the inability of others to give for outside objects, nd especially to our Foreign and Domestic Missionary Boards nore than they do. But our country churches and families as a ule,—at least so far as we are acquainted with them,—in view of he inroads of the foreigners, largely Roman Catholic, the tenlency of the rising generation to gravitate toward our cities and owns, and the crippled financial condition of most of our farmng population, are not holding, and cannot hold their own, but are losing ground, and this is so particularly in the Classis of Monmouth.

Two of our churches, viz.: Middletown and Colts Neck, report the organization within the past year of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor,—in both cases the organization being most promising as to good results. Two other churches of our number, viz.: First and Second Freehold, have each one of these societies, and are getting good work from them. Perhaps—and we hope so—this organization, as a help to the churches, or as a wheel within a wheel to carry on all kinds of religious work, may, at any rate, afford some temporary relief, if indeed it does not altogether turn the tide, and bring forward our young people into more effective methods and prominent parts.

Of the six churches reporting, Spottswood and Middletown have contributed to all the boards and funds of the church; Colts Neck to all but the Widow's Fund; Second Freehold to all but the Board of Publication and the Disabled Ministers' Fund; while Highlands and Asbury Park have each contributed to only two, the former to the Board of Domestic Missions and the Disabled Minister's Fund, and the latter to the Board of Foreign Missions and the Church Building Fund. But one church, viz.: that of the Second Freehold, has given anything to the poor.

Asbury Park reports a debt of $2,000, being an increase over

the debt of last year of $1,800—due to the building of a parsonage now in process of erection. Colts Neck has a small debt of $215, and Highlands owes its minister $88.03; otherwise the churches report no debts, which is a most encouraging feature.

For further particulars we will let each report speak for itself.

First Freehold: No report.

Holmdel: No report.

Spotswood: "Last year we were enabled to report six received on confession, but this year only two. But those two are worth all our labor, and prayer, and anxiety, and money, for who can calculate the value of one soul?" Also, "The past year to us has been one of financial success. By the envelope system introduced last year to meet the current expenses of the church, we have been able thus far to pay all bills as they became due. And last, though not least, we have paid off the entire debt incurred in rebuilding our house of worship, and in addition have expended over $200 in painting, and otherwise improving the parsonage. We think we may safely say that the Church of Spotswood has never been in a better condition *financially* than it is at present, and for all this we devoutly 'thank God and take courage.'"

Middletown.—"As usual death and change of residence have reduced the number of families and impaired our financial ability. The noticeable features of the year are the formation of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor (already productive of great good, and prophetic of more), and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the church on the Fourth of July.

Second Freehold.—"A severe loss by death of eight members. God has been gracious in giving us increase over all losses by death and removal. The work of the church has been sustained in all departments, that of the Young People's Society being especially hopeful. The Ladies' Missionary Society have increased their contributions by the use of the missionary boxes. A little band of the scholars of the Primary department of the Sabbath School has been organized for missionary work. For a year or two the congregation have contemplated improvements in the parsonage property. In January, the commodious house opposite the church was purchased, and after very thorough renovation, the pastor's family have taken possession of it. This, together with an increase during the year of the pastor's salary, and a



hopeful state of religious life in the congregation, surely gives him reason for thankfulness, and the church likewise.

Keyport: No report.

First Long Branch: No report.

Colts Neck.—"Three members have been received on confession of their faith, and all, too, received the rite of Holy Baptism. Our list of members again needs revision, as so many move away from the bounds of the congregation without taking their certificates. One redeeming feature, however, of our condition is the recent establishment of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in Colts Neck village, which starts out under quite promising aspects.

Highlands.—"This church reports an increase of Sabbath School scholars, and of the amount paid to the Board of Domestic Missions.

Asbury Park.—"The church is weak numerically, financially, and spiritually; although we may praise the Lord for some signs of life. A mortgage has been put on a building lot belonging to the church, and long lain idle, and a parsonage is now in course of erection. Systematic contributions to all the Benevolent Boards of our church will be made during the coming year."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. W. H. Ballagh's pastoral relation with the church at Asbury Park was dissolved Sept. 14, 1886, and Mr. Ballagh dismissed to the Classis of Geneva. Rev. Henry Boggis, a Wesleyan local preacher from England, in accordance with synodical dispensation, was examined and ordained pastor of the church at Highlands Oct. 19, 1886. Rev. Edward Cornet was received from the Presbytery of Hastings, Dec. 7, 1886, and was suspended from the ministry April 26, 1887. Rev. D. Chas. Preyer was received from the Classis of Newark Dec. 7, 1886, and installed pastor of the church at Asbury Park, Dec. 14, 1886. Rev. William Reiley, D. D. was declared pastor emeritus April 12, 1887.

GEO. W. LABAW, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Your Committee would respectfully report, first, that if the State of Religion in this Classis were to be judged by the lack of punctuality—one of the minor moralities—one of the little things

in which Christians are enjoined to be faithful—the verdict to be rendered would be far from flattering. One report came in on time. At this writing, Monday evening, April 11th, four churches are yet to be heard from. But we are happy to know that promptness in this particular, though justly due to your committee, is no criterion for our judgment of the religious condition of the churches in this Classis. Our Lord said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." This, the best rule for estimating the value of plants and trees, is also about the only fair way by which men can determine the character and worth of persons or institutions. The strength and success of business establishments, for example, is quite definitely learned by the annual or semi-annual "stock taking," as merchants call it. Somewhat similar to this practice is the method employed by Classis in getting at the State of Religion within its bounds.

The committee appointed to receive the statistics tries to figure out the losses and gains in the portion of the Master's vineyard it represents. But unlike the results of the world's mercantile activity, which can be counted in dollars and cents, the results of preaching the Gospel do not appear at once, and can only be estimated by Him who looketh upon and searcheth the heart. The seed sown often lies long in spiritual soil awaiting the quickening influence of the Holy Ghost, and it may be years hence before any fruit will be garnered from the plants which spring up and develope from our sowing. "The harvest," says the great Husbandman, "is the end of the world."

But what is to be said of our year's work as a Classis? Has the cause of Christ been advanced or not since the Spring of 1886? Of this you can judge best by hearing the reports read separately. As nearly as we can calculate, with the insufficient data on hand, the statistical table to appear in the next Synodical report will show for us a marked increase in families—nearly the difference, indeed, between 1,724 for 1886 and 1,875 for 1887. Last year our churches received by letter into their membership 153, and by confession 268. This year our addition makes it—by letter 124, and by confession 158. Nevertheless, strangely enough, that future table referred to will not give this Classis credit for as many church members in 1887 as it did in 1886. Why this is thus your committee cannot say. It is one of those instances where figures lie in telling the truth, or *vice versa*.

There have been no great revivals among us; no special seasons



of refreshing from the Lord, unless, as we are inclined to think, the whole past year has been such. It seems to have been a year of faithful, persistent work. All the machinery has been kept steadily going, and this, in itself, if it has been the activity of faith and prayer, is success. When we try to estimate success by counting individuals and dollars, we are attempting to do as foolish a thing as did the disciples when they tried to learn which one of them was the greatest. Distinctions are invidious. Were it not so, we might make special mention of a few churches among our number who have, obviously, special reasons for thanksgiving. Woodside, for example, considering her dimensions, presents many points of prosperity and many evidences of growth.

It is quite plain to us that a deeper interest is being taken in vital religion throughout the entire Classis. This is well. Never has the church been laden with such a tremendous responsibility as now. In the failure of many expedients, society at large is looking to her, the exponent of the blessed religion of the Golden Rule, for solutions of her many perplexing problems. Brethren, let us be students of the signs of the times—of the times themselves—in the light of this glorious revelation of truth for all men, that it shall not be in vain that men look to us for counsel and leadership.

As to Benevolence.—We say it sorrowfully, we have fallen short of the mark of 1886 by many hundreds of dollars. The smaller churches, however, have done much better than usual. In looking over these reports one cannot fail to notice certain peculiarities of giving. One or two analyses will give an idea of them, viz.: One church sets down $502.27 as the amount bestowed benevolently. Out of this only $162.27 was distributed through the channels of our own church boards. $340.00 went into other denominations. Another church puts down for benevolence $1,234.99. From this large sum our own denomination gets the benefit of $374.41. Nearly $1,000 found other fields through other agencies. We might illustrate further, but enough has been said to show a lack of manifested loyalty. We trust it is not real. We are no great sticklers for denominationalism. Quite to the contrary is the case. But so long as we are maintaining a separate organic existence, should we not be loyal to our own selves? This is a species of ecclesiastical patriotism which is worthy our consideration and practice. Our own Boards depending upon us, our own children looking to us for bread, and we giving what belongs



to them to others—to others no doubt just as good—it may be better. These things ought not to be. Let us be loyal sons of Dutchdom. Here is an instance where charity should begin at home and the most of it stay there. We are responsible first and last and all the time for missions, education, publication, etc., as supported by the Reformed Dutch Church of America.

We noticed another peculiarity in these reports which we shall not hesitate to mention as an example for others, viz.: A church where there seem to be no pennies—all her contributions are in *even* dollars. Here it is not "*the Lord and the pennies*," but *the Lord and the dollars*." Blessed church. Rich in this world's goods! Doubtless rich in *good works*. Nay, not doubtless. Beyond a peradventure is this the case. All the widow's mites, in *uneven* cents, are leveled up to *even* dollars by the well-to-do brethren. Would there were more like her!

Still another peculiarity, if you will bear with us, viz.: several churches where they give *nothing* either for church support or benevolent purposes. Do you exclaim? But so is the record. The spaces for such figures are as blank as blank can be. Well, perhaps this is a mistake. They doubtless *forgot* to mark them down. Or, possibly they are carrying out the injunction "let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" so *strictly* that they did not dare mark down these figures for fear of offending their consciences.

We are sorry for the pastoral changes which have occurred, but are glad that the places of our departed brethren have been so quickly and satisfactorily filled. We hope Plainfield will succeed in securing the noble man she has so loudly called, if she has not already secured him.

And now, brethren, as we look over the past let us be inspired to thoughtfulness and hopefulness. Let us at this point on the way thank God and take courage, remembering the gracious assurance "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Since writing the above we have learned incidentally that one of our churches has bestowed enough in benevolence to almost, if not altogether, bring our Classis up to its usual mark.



Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. D. W. Skellenger was released from his pastoral charge at Franklin and dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, July 23, 1886. Nov. 23, 1886, the Rev. D. C. Preyer, formerly of the East Reformed Church, was dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth. The Rev. B. C. Miller was received from the Classis of Passaic, and Jan. 12, 1887, was installed pastor at Franklin. The pastoral relation in Trinity Church, Plainfield, was dissolved Jan. 27, 1887, and the Rev. A. V. V. Raymond was dismissed to the Presbytery of Albany. The Rev. Richard P. Milliken, received from the Classis of Kingston, and installed pastor of the East Reformed Church of Newark, March 30, 1887.

RALPH W. BROKAW, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The reports have been carefully examined, and we find, in the aggregate, neither cause for rejoicing over great increase of numbers nor occasion for mourning over great losses. A faithful and godly ministry have been instant in their ministrations of the appointed means of grace. Believers have been built up and strengthened in Christian living. The spiritual wants of the young are being more generally looked after. Special attention has been paid, in some quarters, to the development of Christian endeavor among the young people and has borne rich fruitage. The growing interest and success in the Sabbath School work among our churches bear rich promise for the future.

There has been a very encouraging increase in the contributions of the churches for benevolent purposes. There appears to be a general and intelligent interest in the mission work of the Synod's Boards. A number of the churches not only have reached their apportionment, but have generously contributed toward the Enlargement Fund of the Isaac Ferris Seminary, at Yokohama, Japan. Pastors are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts to encourage systematic benevolence. Patient continuance in this line will bring its own reward.

We thank God for His mercy and for His kind providence over us; for fruitful fields and abundant harvests; for sparing us from the visitation of great calamities; for permitting us in peace and prosperity to enjoy the privileges of the Gospel, to husband spiritual and temporal resources against the time when He shall



make requisition of us to do our part in the conquest of the world for Christ.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The following Ecclesiastical Changes have taken place during the past year:

Robert V. Palmer, a licentiate of the Classis of Hudson, was received into this Classis on May 28, 1886, was examined on the same day for ordination, and was ordained and installed as pastor of the church of Griggstown on June 17, 1886. Messrs. George Zabriskie Collier and William I. Chamberlain presented professional certificates from the Seminary at New Brunswick, and were licensed to preach the Gospel on May 28, 1886. Mr. Chamberlain was also on the same date examined for ordination, in order to enter upon the work of Foreign Missions in India. He was ordained by the Classis in the Chapel of Rutgers College, on Sunday, June 20, 1886. The licentiate, George Z. Collier, was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer. Rev. Philetus T. Pockman was received December 28, 1886, from the South Classis of Bergen, and was installed pastor of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, January 19, 1887. Rev. John Addison Van Doren died August 24, 1886, and Rev. Peter J. Quick died November 10, 1886. Rev. David F. Williams was dismissed in July, 1886, to the Classis of Albany.

EUGENE S. BOOTH, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The record of another year with its aggregate of diversified events is completed. This record can neither be cancelled nor recalled, and its results will never cease to be felt for good or evil. This fact has so deeply impressed the mind of your Committee, that the canvass of the annual reports from the churches has been attended with feelings of deep solemnity and responsibility, which were quite unexpected when we entered upon the discharge of the duty assigned us. It has been made evident to us by the reports received, that the preaching of the Gospel of Christ has not been without living and immortal testimonies to its power in any of our churches, though the results fall far short of our heart's desire. While some of our churches may be said to have been prospered of God, during the past year, inasmuch as they have shed a calm



and steady light around, by which not a few have been conducted to Christ and to heaven, yet there are others that come to us to-day, humbled in the dust because the multitude of sinners to whom Christ has been freely offered have stifled convictions and have plunged with greater and more fatal avidity into worldly pursuits, amusements, folly and sin. Most heartily do we rejoice with those churches that can look back over the year with mingled feelings of gratitude and humble triumph on efforts put forth, and sacrifices made for the glory of God and the salvation of lost men, and with equal sincerity do we mourn with those to whom the past year presents but few memorials of repentance, but little evidence of vigorous faith, and with only here and there an individual who has been illumined and immortalized by victory over sin, and by communion and fellowship with God.

The whole number reported by the churches, as received on confession of their faith in Christ, is 168, and upon certificate 121, and the total now in communion is 3,513. A careful examination of the footings of our statistical table reveals the anomalous fact that though the number received during the last year upon confession and certificate is 101, yet the number of communicants now reported is only 12 more than reported a year ago. It is the opinion of your Committee that the footings in the tabular statement are very unreliable in many important particulars, and that the uncertainty which attaches to them results in a large measure from the want of uniformity that prevails among our Consistories as to the basis upon which these figures are given.

The time has been in the history of our Church when every Consistory was glad to report as large a membership as the facts would warrant, but since the General Synod has levied a per capita assessment upon the members reported, we find that Consistories are quite willing to frequently revise their lists, and place as many members as the law allows in the "retired" column, and hence it has already come to pass, that even if figures do not lie, they are at least made to misrepresent. Certainly these things ought not so to be, and we are quite disposed to call the attention of the General Synod to this important matter.

We are glad to report to Classis that there has been an increase of $190.74 in beneficence. The amount contributed to religious and benevolent purposes is $7,858.67, as against $7,594.82 per last report. The average is now about $4.11 per family, or $2.23 per member. The amount contributed for congregational pur-

poses is $49,544.03. being $4,135.66 in advance of last year's report.

We doubt not that all the members of Classis will measurably enter into our feelings of interest and solicitude, as we now proceed to let each church speak for herself.

The Church of Acquackanonk reports: "That the work and service of the Church have been prosecuted much as in former years, and with like results. The Sabbath School is large and promising. The contributions to religious and benevolent purposes are considerably larger than in previous years. Especial mention is made of the death of Mr. Charles H. Amerman, a Ruling Elder. He was a man 'greatly beloved,' and in his death a strong rod was broken and withered."

Broadway Church of Paterson reports: "Regular accessions to the membership, and gratifying signs of increased interest in religious things. The people have a mind to work, and they give as the Lord hath prospered them. A handsome pipe organ has been erected in the Church and paid for by the young people of the congregation."

The Church of Centerville reports: "That in September, 1886, the former pastor retired from the charge, and a large number of the members were at that time dismissed. That the Consistory and people have united upon a new pastor; that the Sabbath ordinances are again well attended, and that the weekly Prayer Meeting is full of interest; current expenses all paid to date, and $220.70 contributed to benevolent purposes."

The Church of Clarkstown reports: "That the loss by death and removals is a little greater than the gain by accessions. That the contributions for benevolent purposes are not so large as last year; but on the other hand, the debt of the Church is about removed. There has been a more faithful study of the Scriptures on the part of some of our members."

The First Holland Church of Paterson reports: "The work of the Gospel during the year in Church and Sabbath School has been performed without interruption; all services in both well attended; six joined the church, all young people, and we hope they will become strong in the Lord."

The Holland Church of Lodi reports: "The Lord has been with us and He has blessed us. We have every reason to be thankful, and pray for grace to trust the Lord, and to expect all we need from Him."



The First Holland Church of Passaic "is sincerely thankful to God, that, in answer to their earnest prayer, He has again given them a Pastor whose labors already yield abundant fruit. Thirty-six members have been received into the Church during the six months he has been with them. Their contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes are larger than they have been any previous year."

The Holland Church of Wortendyke being without a pastor simply send us the statistical table, from which we learn that thirteen have been received upon confession and four upon certificate during the past year.

The North Reformed Church of Passaic reports: "That the progress of the Church through the year has been steady, but quiet. The only special feature of our work has been the payment of a debt of nearly $4,000, which has been standing for many years."

The Church of Nyack "presents their annual report with unmingled thanksgiving. Beginning the year without a pastor they have been led by the good hand of the Lord through the anxieties and trials incident to a pastorless church, and have issued from that condition united and hopeful of rich blessings through a newly formed pastoral relation. In finances, they are glad to report a slightly increased benevolence, and the payment of a mortgage of $2,000. In spiritual matters they note large and regular attendance at all services, and the welcoming into full communion of 22, most of whom are members of the Sabbath School."

The Church of Paramus reports: "That it was bereft of its pastor last autumn, by his being called to another field, and has just settled another in his place. The work of the Church, though somewhat hindered by this vacancy, has not been intermitted, and the blessing of God has been upon it. The congregation is heartily united and hopeful of the future."

The Church of Pascack "has nothing of special interest to report. The year has been one of general prosperity. Harmony and peace have prevailed throughout the congregation."

The Church of Piermont reports: "That the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Stitt, which had extended over a period of nearly 15 years was dissolved in February last, and that the dissolution of the relation was accepted with regret by the congregation. A call

has recently been extended to Rev. J. R. Verbycke, which has been accepted to take effect the first of May next."

The Church of Ramapo reports: "That for about six months of the past year the pastor was laid aside from his usual labors by severe illness. In the latter part of the year there has been an increased interest in religious matters. Eleven have been added to the Church upon confession of faith. A Lecture Room has been fitted up by the side of the Church, adding materially to the comfort and convenience of the congregation. The blessing of God has been upon the Sabbath School."

The Church of Ramseys sends no report.

The Church of Ridgewood reports: "That the past year is the first of independence as a Church, and they congratulate themselves upon their successful venture. Advances have been made under the blessing of God all along the line. The balance of mortgage on Church edifice, amounting to $700. paid; salary of Pastor increased $100 per annum; floating debt reduced. But beyond all, the evident favor of God in additions to membership by confession and certificate, fills the heart with gladness."

The Church of Saddle River reports: "That the year has been one of quiet work and faithful waiting upon God in the sanctuary, on the part of his people. A good degree of interest has been manifested in the Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting. Substantially there has been little change since our last report."

The Second Church of Lodi reports: "That peace and unity prevail, and a good earnest spirit marks the life of the church, which has showed itself in a determined effort to wipe out the balance of the debt on the parsonage of some $1,500 by the first of May next. This appears likely to be done."

The Second Church of Totowa "presents her annual report with devout thanksgiving for a year of prosperity. They are learning the lesson that a church exists for the good she may do in the world. There has been a marked increase in the contributions for Missions, and they are at present engaged in paying their church debt. The Sabbath School has increased in size until there is again a lack of accommodation."

The Church of Spring Valley reports: "That during the year we have felt that the interests of the Kingdom among us called for an increased attention and action on the behalf of delinquent members. Hence, in addition to the commendation of them for the special prayers of God's people, which had been used, offences



have been noted, and what we deemed the wisest procedures in the respective cases have been taken. And though we have carefully refrained, in every case, from judicial proceedings, yet what we have done has, owing to the leaven of insubordination so prevalent against all authority, parental, civil and ecclesiastical, occasioned appeals to Classis. We would, however, not fail to note for the information of Classis, that what we have done for the benefit of delinquents has been of marked use in quickening the attendance on the public means of grace of many of that class."

The Church of Tappan reports: "That the review of the work of the past year suggests no special feature of it that calls for comment, though our advance upon the enemies' kingdom appears to have been hardly perceptible, so far as the statistics can reveal it, yet our hope and consolation is, that there has been begun the labor that the Lord, during the ensuing year, perhaps, will crown with His blessing of the Holy Spirit in the saving of souls."

The Church of Warwick, being without a pastor, simply presents the statistical table, from which we learn that ten have been added on confession and twelve on certificate.

The Church of West New Hempstead: "We can say that the interest has increased greatly in the last few months."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. J. H. Whitehead was received from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange April 20, 1886, and installed pastor of the North Church of Passaic, May 13, 1886. The Rev. E. G. Ackerman was received from the Classis of Saratoga April 20, 1886, and was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster, January 1, 1887. The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. W. Letson and the Church of Ramseys was dissolved April 20, 1886. The Rev. J. W. Warnshuis was received from the Classis of Iowa September 21, 1886, and was installed pastor of the Holland Church of Passaic, October 3, 1886. The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. L. Stillwell and the Church of Centerville was dissolved on September 21, 1886, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

The licentiate, John Laubenheimer, was received from the South Classis of Bergen, September 21, 1886, and ordained to the Gospel ministry October 5, 1886, when he was installed pastor of the Church of West New Hempstead. The pastoral relation be-

tween the Rev. John C. Van Deventer and the Church of Paramus was dissolved October 25, 1886, and he was installed pastor of the Church at Nyack, November 17, 1886. The pastoral relation between the Rev. John Smith and the Holland Church of Wortendyke was dissolved November 15, 1886, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Iowa. The pastoral relation between the Rev. V. B. Carroll and the Church of Warwick was dissolved December 13, 1886. The Rev. Anson Du Bois was received from the South Classis of Long Island December 13, 1886, and he was installed pastor of the Church of Centerville January 11, 1887. The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. C. Stitt and the Church of Piermont was dissolved February 7, 1887, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Lehigh. The Rev. W. H. Vroom was received from the Classis of Kingston March 21, 1886, and he was installed pastor of the Church of Paramus, April 5, 1887.

JOHN GASTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

In presenting its report your committee would first let the churches of the Classis speak for themselves through the consistorial reports.

Boardville, at the head of the list alphabetically, reports no regular preaching this Winter. But "Sunday and Wednesday evenings prayer meetings are held regularly, conducted by the brethren, and deep interest is taken in these meetings, and all things seem to work together for good."

Boonton.—"Our congregations are good, and the Sunday School is extra large, and well officered, and a good spirit prevails."

The Fairfield Church is without a pastor, but maintains its services regularly. Rev. Louis J. Lockwood, of Pleasant Plains, N. Y., has just been called to this charge, and the church expresses the hope of "finding its Joshua" in the coming man.

Franklin Furnace makes special mention of the efficient work of its Ladies' Aid Society. "The subject of Missions having been formally presented to their attention, they have concluded to enlarge their work and contribute a portion of their aid to the Women's Board of Missions. The hopeful feature of the church is among the children."



Little Falls reports briefly "one of the most prosperous years, spiritually and financially, that we have had."

Montville.—"The Sabbath School has been kept open during the entire year, and the scholars are taking a deep interest in the study of the Scriptures. Our Ladies' Missionary Society is doing a good work, not only in the amount they secure for the Mission field, but also in training the people to systematic giving."

The Sixth Paterson (Holland) rejoices in "peace and harmony," though "without a pastor."

Pompton Plains reports an addition of seven members, "as the gleaning of last year's harvest;" "activity and earnestness in its membership;" "a special interest among the young people;" "a much larger contribution to Home and Foreign Missions than on any previous year;" "an increase in the pastor's salary," and a condition of prosperity generally.

Pompton is jubilant over a new pastor, a new chapel, two newly organized prayer meetings, an increasing attendance upon its Sunday evening services, and their evident tokens of God's favor.

Ponds sends only a statistical report, but it tells a gratifying story of increased contributions to the Boards of the church.

Preakness shows a loss of eight families and forty-six members in consequence of revision. Its report, however, is encouraging. "There has been unusual enthusiasm in church work. A promising Bible class has been organized by an earnest worker, and God's Word is being systematically and thoroughly studied. A Woman's Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Foreign and Domestic Boards, has also been organized, and its members are alive to the work."

Riverside Church.—"This is a recently organized church, with a bright future, and a good reason to give for the hope that is in it. It is planted where a church is really needed, and where it has elbow room. It is entitled to the heartiest sympathy and assistance of Classis, until it is able to walk alone, as it is likely soon to be."

First Totowa, begins its report with a sigh, and ends with a song. "The year has been one of comparative spiritual dearth; a year of seed sowing, rather than reaping;" but, financially, the church has rallied from a shock of paralysis, brought on by a fund, and "now we are entirely dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the people, and the sum realized this year, by

that means, is larger than ever before in the history of the old church."

Union Reformed.—"Our regular church services have been exceedingly well attended. The twenty-four members received on confession were nearly all from the Sabbath School. Our church building has undergone a decided improvement, at a cost of $1,000. There is steady growth in the congregation."

Wyckoff has nothing special to report.

Thus on the face of these reports is presented a most encouraging condition of things in the Classis; but truth compels your committee to call the statistical columns to the witness stand to see if there is any self-deception, or deception of any other sort, behind this smiling face. Figures are supposed to resemble the Father of his country in one important particular, and what do the figures say? Loss in the vital columns. Heavy loss in the number of additions on confession and certificate. Loss in the total membership. While the churches have contributed more for congregational purposes, and for religious and benevolent purposes, they have contributed less to the Boards of the church. There is loss to the cause of Missions at home and abroad, when gain instead is so urgently needed, and so earnestly asked for. Only four churches in Classis have exceeded their contributions of last year; all the others have fallen below. This is to be deeply regretted.

Classis has added one church to its number making fifteen in all.

Three of the churches have had no additions to their membership; and while one or two churches send reports that look something like revival work, there has been no outpouring of the Spirit, such as we ought to continually expect and receive. How can we explain our general condition, that amounts almost to spiritual dearth, when God is more ready to give us His Holy Spirit than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. An unceasing revival is the church's normal condition. Our large non-communicant membership, and our flourishing Sunday Schools, present fields that are white to the harvest. In the work of Salvation the church should be always aggressive. Holding the fort is poor business for Christian soldiers. It indicates either indifference or unfaithfulness. Let those who are laid aside from active service hold the fort; let the Lord's army move upon the enemy's strongholds.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The following ecclesiastical changes have occurred during the r:

On Tuesday May 25, 1886, the pastoral relation between Rev. J. Kommers and the Pompton Church was dissolved, and he s dismissed to the Classis of New York. Rev. Samuel Millett s dismissed April 14, 1886, to the Classis of Orange. On esday, Sept. 8, 1886, the pastoral relation between Rev. B. C. ller and the church in Fairfield, was dissolved, and Dec. 9, 86, he was dismissed to the Classis of Newark. On Thursday, t. 14, 1886, the Rev. J. A. Trimmer was received from the sbytery of Newark, and installed pastor of the church in mpton. On Jan. 25, 1887, Rev. James Demarest, M. D., at age of ninety years, entered into rest. On Feb. 18, 1887, v. A. G. Ryerson, at the age of seventy years, was also called ne. These brethren were retired from the ministry. No pas- has been removed by death, or interrupted in his work by ious illness.

At the April (1887) meeting of Classis, Rev. A. A. King was missed from the church in Boonton, to accept the call from Riverside Church in Paterson. Also Rev. J. R. Verbrycke s dismissed from the church in Preakness, to accept a call from church in Piermont, N. Y., and was dismissed to the Classis Paramus. On April 13, 1887, Rev. Jas. E. Bernart was dis- ssed to the Classis of Orange.

HENRY W. TELLER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

The statistical table of the Classis and the "remarks" appended the reports of the several churches, agree in their evidence t the year just passed has been one of earnest work and of re than average success.

North and South Hampton, in answer to special prayer, has oyed a season of revival, during which forty persons were re- ved into communion on confession of faith, largely from among youth in the Sabbath Schools. "Though we have suffered ch from removals, and much is yet lacking, still, as a working urch we are stronger than for some years." To this church longs the honor of being the only one in the Classis contribu- g to all the Boards and Funds recommended by General od.

Neshanic has sustained large losses in her membership through dismission, and some of her oldest and most valued members have passed to their reward. But fourteen have been added on confession, and five on certificate, mostly young people. "We are encouraged to believe that there is a good and hearty appreciation of the work of the church, and we think we can see the spirituality of some of our members growing." The Sabbath Schools have been well sustained, and "the children, guided by faithful and earnest teachers, take a good interest in the Foreign Missionary work of the church." This church contributed to all but one of the causes recommended by General Synod.

First Philadelphia reports a year of steady and successful work. Three series of evangelistic services have been held with good results. The people engaged heartily in the united movement of the churches of Philadelphia for the evangelization of the city, in December and January, with much spiritual profit to themselves, but with little visible effect on the irreligious masses in whose behalf the work was undertaken. Our experience in this regard was that of nearly, if not quite, all of the churches taking part in the service.

"The most interesting and encouraging feature of our church life for the past year has been the work among the young. The Young Men's Guild has become a strong and active organization of nearly eighty members. A suite of rooms is at their disposal two nights a week, and, being well supplied with periodicals and games, attracts them in large numbers. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has also been organized, whose weekly prayer meeting has an attendance ranging from forty to sixty. At an expense of $1,300, the Sunday School and Lecture room was renovated and refurnished, and the room of the Primary Department enlarged. The pastor's assistant has rendered valuable service, and after an experience of a year and a half we wonder how any city church can be run successfully by a pastor single-handed."

Second Philadelphia presents a very brief report, noting the installation of the Rev. William H. Clark, D. D., as pastor, on the evening of May 11, 1886. "During the year we have enjoyed unbroken harmony, temporal prosperity, and many spiritual blessings." Twelve persons have been received into the church on confession, among them a man eighty-six years of age. There is also recorded the death of two of the most active and efficient of the women workers in the church.



Fourth Philadelphia is still more pointed; we quote the whole. "Religiously, no special interest; good feeling present; means of grace well attended. Financially, prosperous; debt all paid; increase in contributions for religious and benevolent purposes. The people are united, earnest, devoted. They are thankful to the Lord for whatever has been accomplished, and look for a continuance of His favor and blessing." It indicates a high standard, however, when a church which reports twenty-nine received on confession disclaims any "special interest."

Blawenburg.—"The large accession of the previous year left little to be gleaned immediately afterward, though we have not been without witness of the Sprit's presence. The small returns from farming continues to tell against our gifts." A Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society has been formed. "The courage of the church is gradually recovering from the severe depression experienced the past few years, which was due to changes in the community."

Clover Hill just escapes failure to comply with Synod's request for "remarks" in connection with the statistical report, by saying that "there is nothing worthy of special mention. A good interest is shown in the services of the church and in its support."

Third Philadelphia states that the pulpit is being statedly supplied by the Rev. Geo. H. Stephens, a graduate of our institution at New Brunswick, but at present in ecclesiastical connection with the Presbytery of Elizabeth. The figures in the "census number of families," and "total now in communion," are taken from lists revised by Consistory after the decision of the General Synod upon the affairs of the church, at its session last June (1886).

Addisville "can record no decided work of grace," though five have been received on confession. "The gospel has been faithfully proclaimed, and we trust that in due time the word will bear fruit." "A slight gain in the grace of benevolence" is modestly reported, but as it is a gain of over twenty-five per cent. it deserves a better mention.

Rocky Hill reports increased benevolence in the Sunday School and the Ladies' Missionary Society. "During the year we have been much afflicted by deaths among our members, but we feel that the Lord has been with us in our trials. The spiritual condition of the church is good."

Fifth Philadelphia is to be congratulated on having "one of

the nicest church edifices of the German Protestant congregation in the city." After much deliberation, and shrinking from the task, the Consistory "resolved with the help of God to fulfil their whole duty to the community in which Providence has placed them;" and at an expense of nearly seven thousand dollars, they have enlarged and beautified the church edifice. All but $2,200 of the amount has been paid. Special services have been resulting in the strengthening of God's people, and the addition of forty to the membership, on confession. "During this year of anxiety and hard work, the Lord has upheld and greatly blessed both pastor and people. His name be praised."

Three Bridges reports "a slow and steady growth of the church towards spiritual and financial prosperity." Regret is expressed that the benevolent collections are not larger. But as they show an increase of more than one-third over those of last year there is good reason to believe that the "better results" looked for in the future will be attained.

Harlingen reports that the Sabbath services have been exceedingly well attended. "We have not enjoyed in any large degree the reviving influences of the Divine Spirit, yet we are not compelled to mourn His entire absence; for at each sacramental season we have had an addition to our membership, upon confession, principally from the young of the congregation." A debt incurred two years ago in repairing the church edifice still remains, and cripples to some extent the benevolence of the people. It has, however, been somewhat reduced during the year, and the hope is expressed that the next report may announce its entire removal.

Stanton is without a pastor and sends no report. Rev C. W. Pitcher, who served this church so well, was dismissed to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, having accepted a call to the church of Ringoes, N. J.

To summarize: *Generally*, the reports indicate that the work committed to our churches by the Master has been prosecuted with energy and ability, and that our efforts have received His approval. It has been a year of more than average success in absolute results, perhaps one of the best in the history of the Classis.

In *membership* the net gain is 143—a little less than last year. The number received on confession (214) is the largest for many years, and we should be duly grateful. But with an *inside* con-



stituency of nearly 1,600 families, representing 8,000 persons, and an *outside* constituency, in our country congregations, perhaps as large, and, for our city congregations, practically illimitable, is not the number painfully small? Can we refrain from asking, "If there were a fervent evangelism in our churches, would not this two hundred be a thousand?"

In *religious and benevolent contributions* we have just about held our own. But the consciences of the churches are awake on the subject. Two more contributed to the Board of Publication than last year, three more to the Widows' Fund and to Hope College; and six more to the Disabled Ministers' Fund. There are yet seven churches giving nothing to Publication; six, nothing to the Widows' Fund; four, nothing to the Disabled Ministers' Fund; six, nothing to the Church Building Fund; ten, nothing to Hope College.

In contributions for *congregational purposes* there is the handsome increase of $7,554.31 due to the extra demands made by debt paying, building, etc.

Your Committee have no resolutions to offer, but would again call attention to resolutions two, three, and four of last year's report, which have not been generally complied with. They would also call the attention of the pastors to the necessity of sending in the reports of their respective churches promptly to the Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion. When the reports are put into his hands on the floor of Classis, at the session at which his report is expected, it is evident that little can be done in the way of analysis and comparison. Your Committee would also suggest that these reports could be made much more interesting and valuable if the pastors, in addition to the more general statement of the results of their work, would give the particulars of any new methods employed successfully by them.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report to the Classis of Raritan that the reports from the churches witness that the Lord is still with His church and that the foolishness of preaching is still made the power of God and the Wisdom of God. The First and Second Churches of Raritan and the church of Pottersville especially send us joyful tidings of Spiritual prosperity, while all the churches recognize their dependence on

the Divine Spirit for all progress. In the universality of this sense of need we recognize a ground of hope for greater blessings in the future.

First Raritan gratefully reports a year of harmony, financial prosperity, increased spiritual interest and numerical growth. $4,000 has been paid on their debt of $6,000, and they are hopeful of the speedy liquidation of the remainder. United services held with the Second Church after the week of prayer were attended with blessed results.

Readington reports losses by the removal of households and by death, the latter taking no less than ten from the membership. A number of souls have been added during the year. Church attendance has been good and increased interest taken in the evening service, and in benevolent contributions there has been considerable advance.

Bedminster reports that the preached Word is fruitful in the lives and devotion of believers, in the peace and harmony of the church and in the interest in the training of the youth, the care of the poor and the advancement of Christ's kingdom. They are waiting in supplication for the quickening Spirit.

Lebanon reports the establishment of additional prayer meetings and the manifest work of the Spirit in quickening the life of God's people.

Rockaway reports steady progress, the manifestation of God's grace in the conversion of souls, increased attendance and larger contributions, also increased interest among the young.

North Branch reports good attendance at the services and an encouraging devotion to the work of the Lord and a prayerful seeking of the Divine blessing.

Second Raritan reports decided temporal and spiritual prosperity, large attendance upon the services and the renting of all the pews in the church. Many of the young people have been brought to Christ, and twenty-four confessed their faith in Christ. A flourishing Sunday School and the devising of liberal things witness to God's favor.

Branchville reports good attendance on the church services, spirited prayer meetings and large increase in benevolence.

Third Raritan reports steady continuance in well doing, general prosperity and progress and longing for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Easton reports a good attendance and a commendable interest,



difficulties resulting from its environment, but some encouraging features.

Pottersville reports a great spiritual blessing following upon unusually great trials, and an accession of twenty-four young people upon confession of their faith.

High Bridge reports many precious evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence, and they thank God and take courage.

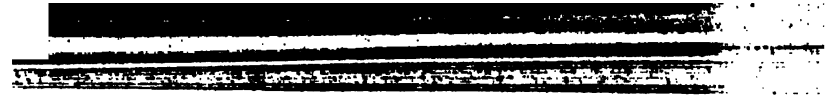
Fourth Raritan reports much encouragement and the addition of twenty-four persons on confession.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place in the Classis of Raritan during the year past.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. William Schmitz and the church of Pottersville has been dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster. The Rev. Curtis E. Long was installed, Sept. 23, 1886, pastor of the church of High Bridge. The pastoral relation between the Rev. George W. Scarlett and the church of Peapack was dissolved, and as he had accepted a call from the vacant church of Pottersville, he was installed as its pastor, Nov. 16, 1886. The Rev. F. E. Schlieder has closed his engagement as stated supply of the Fourth Church of Raritan (German) and was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island, April 12, 1887. The Rev. William J. Henderson was received, April 12, 1887, into the Classis by letter from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and he has accepted a call from the Reformed Church of Annandale.

GEO. M. S. BLAUVELT, *Chairman.*





STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood	A. B. Taylor	37	1					35	2				1	65	$ 171 10	$1,000 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	H. Van Derwart	152	23	15	3		5	*252	7	3		280	1	325	1,663 46	42 92	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh	George Seibert	107	13	4	1		3	196	6	2	198	167	2	167	556 87	3,265 30	Schraalenberg, N. J.
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen	112	36	10			5	223	16	9			2	516	905 68	3,366 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Park Ref., Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	180	33	13	9		5	398	9	11		200	1	510	617 22	7,734 37	586 Jersey Ave., Jersey City.
First Hoboken	Vacant	†65	14	3	3	4		113	10	10		32	1	221	44 44	1,529 88	Hoboken, N. J.
German Evan., Hoboken	J. W. Freund	150	53	2	3		5	*509	224	5	875	103	1	550	127 12	2,520 99	Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen	John Justin	58	9		2		3	80	13			31	1	280	187 00	1,265 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	105	13	16	5		3	153	12	3		175	1	175	231 14	3,735 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Third Hackensack	Louis Goebel	*77	33	1	1	1	4		68	1	1	18	1	203	22 25	2,488 77	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City	Vacant	70	5	9	16	2	2	130	6	1		90	1	125	47 29	1,216 90	Closter, N. J.
Palisades	Francis M. Bogardus	50			5		3	44	4			50	2	100	36 00	600 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenburg	Vacant	50	15	1			1	59					1	119			Guttenberg, N. J.
Central Ave., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright	100	15	5	4			175	4	5			1	340	166 88	1,800 00	Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill	J. F. Harris	60	3	1			1	50	3				1	143	106 23	1,305 67	New Bridge, N. J.
Spring Valley	Vacant	20	2					22				1		49	9 03	269 30	
Secaucus	Vacant	‡36						42						200			Secaucus, N. J.
Westwood	Vacant	25	6	23				29	1	2		20	1	132			Westwood, N. J.
	Total	1454	274	103	52	7	40	2510	385	52	1074	1167	19	4220	$4,891 71	$32,140 10	

* Revised list. † Report of last year. ‡ Report of year before last.

Other Ministers—W. R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island; Wm. C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland County, Va.; James H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan; Isaac E. House, Hoboken, N. J.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	233	17	22	15	1	8	382	19	3	245	300	2	498	$1,984 67	$6,661 33	509 Bergen Ave., Jersey City.
First, Jersey City	Vacant				38		2	71									
First, Bayonne	William W. Knox	170	11	21	7		4	290	10	6	250	300	2	612	498 27	3,489 86	Bayonne, N. J.
Second, Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	5	9	4		5	221	2	1	75	175	1	316	800 00	5,251 75	238 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	James E. Riggs	75	16	2	6		2	125	4	5	50	94	1	165	1,200 00	7,500 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Meury	143	33	4	2		7	340	33	5	52	57	1	540	1,639 23	2,100 00	14 Sherman Place, Jersey City.
Lafayette	William R. Duryee (S.C.)	90	10	6	11		3	200	10	4	100	150	1	275	1,062 00	5,375 00	239 Pacific Ave., Jersey City.
Greenville	Vacant	77	8	6	4	1	6	147	17	2			1	243	444 79	2,394 11	
Free, Jersey City	Henry Mattice	74	15	4	3		1	168	17	1	140	65	1	245	185 94	1,546 82	86 Union St., Jersey City.
Third, Bayonne	Gottlieb Andræa (S. S.)	40	40				4	100	30		50	15	2	200	15 00	1,200 00	110 Clinton Ave., Jersey City.
South Bergen	William Vaughan	70	12	9	6		1	155	16	3	110	144	1	288	80 19	2,294 53	24 Crescent Ave., Jersey City.
First Ger. Ev., Jer. City	John Staehli	58	9				1	140	77	1	211	19	1	236		1,222 94	338 Montgomery St., Jer. City.
St. John's G. Ev., Bergen	Gottlieb Andræa	78	12		6		2	150	34		50	20	1	150	100 00	1,600 00	110 Clinton Ave., Jersey City.
	Total	1228	188	83	102	2	46	2489	269	31	1333	1339	15	3768	$8,010 09	$40,636 34	

Other Ministers—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theological School, Tokio, Japan; Rev. William Westerfield, Hotel Royal, New York City.



CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S. Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Freehold	Theo. W. Welles (s. c.)	90	8	1	2		5	220	7	3	80	80	2	200	$122 56	$1,519 85	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N.J.
Holmdel	William Reiley*	90	3	1	1	2	3	134		1	85		1	110	334 25	1,035 26	Holmdel, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Spotswood	Cyril Spaulding	35	2		2			68	3	1	34	15	3	60	78 15	1,068 00	Spotswood, Middlesex Co., N.J.
Middletown	Chas. D. Buck	32	4	2	1		1	76	2	1	25		1	60	211 61	1,003 72	Middletown, Monmouth Co., "
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	104	12	7	7		8	249	7	2	†83	147	1	147	632 23	2,039 23	Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Long Branch	Vacant	80	7	6	105		1	135	3		†55		2	90			Long Branch, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	53		3			2	72			40	10	1	120	85 00	920 11	Keyport, " " "
Colts Neck	Geo. W. Labaw	95	3		5		1	167	2	3	114	35	2	100	154 64	1,939 78	Colts Neck, " " "
Highlands	Henry Boggis	24						† 33	7		†18		1	87		63 97	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	D. Chas. Preyer	65	4	10	10			63	1		†26	†25	1	90	19 30	611 64	Asbury Park, " " "
	Total	668	43	30	133	2	21	1217	32	11	560	312	15	1064	$1,637 74	$10,201 56	

* Pastor Emeritus. † Last year's report. ‡ Estimated.

Other Ministers.—Rev. G. C. Schenck, Emeritus, Bradevelt, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Supt. of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Edward Cornet, Suspended from the Ministry.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	Ralph W. Brokaw	145	10	11	3	...	3	204	6	12	125	165	1	200	$415 03	$2,562 18	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First Newark	Thomas C. Easton	198	25	26	10	...	10	459	3	10	...	...	2	529	672 28	7,778 29	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Irvington	Henry Vehslage, (S. C.)	87	3	7	7	...	1	158	1	...	...	60	1	190	24 00	1,784 00	Irvington, Essex Co., N. J.
Second Newark	John A. Davis	110	8	7	15	...	3	178	11	3	...	...	1	326	324 50	5,712 64	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Franklin	Benj. C. Miller	52	5	2	2	...	1	92	5	1	114	95	1	115	...	...	Franklin, Essex Co., N. J.
North Newark	David Waters	269	38	27	12	...	6	561	6	10	...	...	2	895	9,395 00	11,117 00	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
West Newark	Carl Girtanner	92	30	1	2	...	4	280	60	...	10	36	1	280	28 00	1,915 65	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Clinton Ave., Newark	William J. R. Taylor	165	6	5	15	...	7	385	6	4	...	194	2	754	1,717 14	7,150 80	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
East Newark	Richard P. Milliken	44	2	1	1	...	3	65	8	...	60	90	1	200	121 16	3,440 19	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Linden	Supplied	30	1	2	2	...	1	57	2	...	...	25	1	85	...	750 00	
Christ, Woodside	Charles H. Jones	103	15	18	10	...	2	121	8	4	...	148	1	207	504 27	2,412 37	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Stone House Plains	William G. E. See	45	...	...	...	...	...	78	16	...	...	...	1	100	84 83	1,109 00	Brookdale, Essex Co., N. J.
Orange	George S. Bishop	230	79	26	17	...	4	496	12	27	...	...	1	345	1,432 21	*2,673 03	East Orange, Essex Co., N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield	Supplied	190	41	20	16	...	1	360	8	19	...	...	1	320	1,234 99	5,261 26	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
German, Plainfield	Supplied	30	5	...	...	...	1	56	11	...	11	...	1	...	34 00	2,500 00	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
	Total	1790	268	153	112	...	47	3550	163	80	320	813	18	4446	$15,987 41	$56,156 41	

* Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.; Frederick Koechli, Plainfield, N. J.; John N. Jansen, Newark, N. J.

Candidate.—Livingston L. Taylor.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First New Brunswick	Philetus T. Pockman	252	15	7	31	...	8	637	4	6	...	350	1	546	$2,489 44	$4,640 78	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Henry D'B. Mulford	150	11	7	10	...	5	318	6	3	87	82	6	332	1,635 28	3,216 74	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin, (S.C.)	*140	12	8	11	...	2	*275	10	1	150	100	7	200	471 80	1,545 00	Millstone, N. J. *
Middlebush	James LeFevre	80	6	3	1	...	3	170	3	...	122	100	1	125	522 37	1,425 11	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	Robert V. Palmer	51	1	3	7	...	1	133	1	1	40	45	2	75	279 54	799 32	Griggstown, N. J.
Second New Brunswick	Mancius H. Hutton	179	10	11	16	...	10	415	7	4	196	221	2	327	2,456 45	5,089 15	New Brunswick, N. J.
Bound Brook	Vacant	40	...	...	6	...	...	77	1	...	...	120	1	140	56 00	597 27	Bound Brook, N. J.
Third New Brunswick	Carl Meyer, (S.S.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone	Alex. McWilliam	70	6	5	2	...	3	146	2	...	30	40	1	85	200 00	1,227 76	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	James Cruikshanks	73	15	2	4	...	1	154	2	5	...	...	2	200	178 65	1,636 82	Metuchen, N. J.
SuydamSt.,N.Brunsw'k	Wm. H. Campbell	55	13	16	2	...	...	102	10	2	...	...	1	97	150 00	1,370 91	New Brunswick, N. J.
	Total	1090	89	62	90	...	33	2427	46	22	625	1058	24	2127	$8,439 53	$21,548 86	

*Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, Professors in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; John L. See; address of all at New Brunswick, N. J.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Pachoque, N. Y.; Alex. G. Van Aken, Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Nebraska.

Missionary.—Eugene S. Booth.

Candidate.—Dewitt T. Reiley.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	150	9	14	12	--	10	341	10	3	250	150	1	380	$1,807 17	$4,530 55	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	N. H. Van Arsdale	100	9	1	3	--	5	189	2	4	150	150	1	202	412 76	4,394 09	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Centerville	Anson Du Bois	30	1	--	21	--	--	25	1	--	--	100	1	133	120 70	1,335 86	Athenia, Passaic Co., N. J.
Clarkstown	David M. Talmage	75	3	3	7	--	4	107	7	1	60	--	1	67	188 00	1,689 94	Mount Moor, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	82	6	1	1	--	2	‖142	11	--	202	42	1	98	112 79	993 16	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Lodi	L. G. Jongeneel	41	3	3	4	--	--	61	5	--	135	--	1	50	23 78	465 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Holland, Passaic	J. W. Warnshuis	‖130	24	12	2	1	1	‖174	27	2	424	150	1	232	227 09	1,557 87	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke	Jacobus Diephuis*	95	13	4	6	--	3	237	23	--	395	--	2	125	39 36	1,030 53	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
North Passaic	J. H. Whitehead	82	5	10	9	--	2	210	8	--	--	252	1	290	431 66	7,381 34	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Nyack	J. C. Van Deventer, (S.C.)	‖159	22	11	8	--	9	‖320	2	9	160	218	1	‖250	1,509 59	5,391 81	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	W. H. Vroom	105	12	--	7	--	1	213	7	2	143	55	1	146	280 61	2,016 52	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	7	2	8	--	2	137	2	--	137	150	1	183	103 15	2,137 91	Park Ridge, N. J.
Piermont	J. R. Verbrycke*	50	3	8	5	--	3	108	1	--	--	87	1	87	278 46	1,951 62	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	58	11	2	--	--	--	89	1	3	--	70	1	70	86 00	700 00	Ramapo, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramseys	Vacant†	15	--	--	--	--	--	34	--	--	--	30	1	35	--	--	Ramseys, N. J.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	68	7	14	--	--	1	‖128	4	1	66	50	1	197	60 56	2,103 20	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Saddle River	William N. Todd	54	1	1	7	--	2	82	4	--	50	60	1	60	24 02	942 75	Monsey, N. Y.
Second Lodi	William Manchee	32	1	1	2	--	--	64	4	--	93	120	1	141	100 00	1,576 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Second Totowa	‡John H. Durvee† Peter H. Milliken	156	10	2	2	--	8	296	16	2	170	160	1	482	736 86	3,524 18	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Criswell	85	6	12	11	1	2	134	9	2	58	193	1	219	245 80	1,547 00	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	William H. Williamson	100	2	4	6	--	4	171	5	--	100	60	3	200	108 20	1,440 80	Tappan, N. Y.
Warwick	Vacant	105	10	12	1	--	4	166	3	8	61	75	1	127	789 00	2,393 33	Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.
West New Hempstead	John Laubenheimer	39	3	4	1	--	--	80	3	1	21	48	1	132	73 11	640 57	Monsey, N. Y.
	Total	1911	168	101	127	2	67	3713	155	38	2675	2223	26	3906	$7,858 67	$49,744 03	

Other Ministers.—Rev. R. M. Offord, *N. Y. Observer*; V. B. Carroll, Warwick, N. Y. * Pastor elect. † Last year's report. ‡ Pastor Emeritus. ‖ Revised list.



CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S. Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Boardville	Vacant							18				36	1	40	$78 44		Midvale, Passaic county, N. J.
Boonton	Vacant	61	2	3	9		1	99		1			1	175	104 02	$1,421 23	Boonton, Morris " "
Fairfield	Louis J. Lockwood, (P.E.)	67			1		3	176	3		25	100	1	102	86 00	1,068 20	Fairfield, Essex " "
Franklin Furnace	Gilbert S. Garretson	40		2	2			21	5			87	1	125	45 13	682 05	Franklin Furnace, Sus. Co. "
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	67	6	5	2		2	150	12				1	150	78 56	1,649 98	Little Falls, Passaic " "
Montville	Jacob O. Van Fleet	82	1	2			2	141	3	1	62		1	110	107 50	1,139 69	Boonton, Morris " "
Sixth Paterson, Holland	Vacant	388	4	4	2		6	356	32		886	123	1	416	225 00	2,274 00	Paterson, Passaic " "
Pompton Plains	Henry W. Teller	141	6	1	3		1	290	7	1			5	433	543 18	2,332 92	Pompton Plains, Morris " "
Pompton	John A. Trimmer	75	8	1	2			134	2	8		70	2	200	364 00	3,200 00	Pompton, Passaic " "
Ponds	Wm. E. Bogardus	55			2		2	64					3	150	71 50	752 87	Oakland, Bergen " "
Preakness	Vacant	*41	5		1		3	*79	3	1			2	95	51 67	754 10	Paterson, Passaic " "
Riverside, Paterson	Albert A. King, (P. E.)	20	7	15			1	21	2	2		80	1	133		692 41	" " " "
First Totowa, Paterson	J. Lemoyne Danner	100	12	5	9		2	225	10	5	150	100	1	253	367 32	3,324 37	" " " "
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	190	24	9	5	1	3	300	35		595	115	1	360	232 87	2,067 63	" " " "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle, (S. C.)	90	5	2	2		3	121	6	2	110	45	1	92	81 60	1,025 56	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
	Total	1417	80	49	40	1	27	2195	120	21	1828	756	23	2834	$2,436 79	$22,385 11	

*Revised List.

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, County Superintendent of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; I. S. Demunds, Emeritus, Ridgewood, Bergen County, N. J.

...DELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	135	40	4	9	2	1	*253	6	23	163	50	6	420	$489 42	$1,600 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	150	11	6	10	--	5	287	10	3	----	----	¶5	200	200 34	2,047 24	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	150	14	5	27	--	5	221	8	6	150	----	†4	250	462 66	1,600 00	Neshanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia	Wm. R. Taylor	100	31	8	‖3	--	1	250	5	8	----	----	1	386	1,050 00	5,637 78	1224 Spring Garden St., Phila.
Second, Philadelphia	Wm. H. Clark	260	12	9	11	--	4	449	10	3	----	----	2	547	2,451 96	6.788 91	517 Brown St., Phila.
Fourth, Philadelphia	Cornelius Schenck	150	29	5	1	1	5	327	13	1	----	----	1	449	565 14	5,921 33	Manayunk, Phila.
Blawenburg	Wm. B. Voorhees	91	3	7	4	--	1	174	4	1	----	20	1	150	267 51	1,130 57	Blawenburg, N. J.
Stanton‡	Vacant	95	13	5	9	--	3	168	5	2	40	50	1	100	100 00	965 57	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert	80	3	7	3	--	3	120	4	2	----	----	1	----	100 16	852 45	Clover Hill, N. J.
Third, Philadelphia	George H. Stephens,(s.s.)	13	7	2	11	--	1	31	4	1	----	49	1	105	131 25	648 10	----------
Rocky Hill	Josiah E. Crane	66	3	4	6	--	5	145	2	3	----	125	1	125	89 72	960 00	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Addisville	Edward Birdsall	72	5	----	3	--	2	‖121	1	2	56	----	3	179	148 67	1,114 88	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	160	40	----	1	--	4	258	65	2	----	38	1	350	201 00	5,651 10	2223 Otis St., Phila.
Three Bridges	Eugene Hill	75	3	10	2	--	----	122	2	1	----	----	1	120	88 96	574 24	Three Bridges, N. J.
	Total	1597	214	72	100	3	40	2926	139	58	409	352	29	3381	$6,346 79	$35,552 17	

* Also 108 non-residents. † 2 Union Schools. ‡ Last year's report. ‖ Revised List. ‖ From non-resident list. ¶ One union.

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna St., Philadelphia, Pa.; A. Stoll, Balpore, India.



CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Raritan	I. Preston Searle	210	23	30	8	--	7	521	6	4	----	200	1	325	$809 44	$5,207 40	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington	Benjamin V. D Wyckoff.	195	5	8	16	--	10	276	15	1	155	----	4	250	514 39	1,663 36	Readington, Hunterdon Co. "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	110	5	3	8	--	8	224	8	1	80	----	1	170	546 38	1,469 25	Bedminster, Somerset Co., "
Lebanon	William E. Davis	208	2	4	5	--	6	265	3	2	----	30	2	175	240 00	1,950 00	Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., "
Rockaway	Marion T. Conklin	102	13	3	6	--	2	219	2	6	----	----	5	200	104 47	1,412 59	White House, " " "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	122	1	11	7	--	5	182	8	----	60	60	2	125	475 52	1,140 75	North Branch, Somerset Co. "
Second Raritan	Edward G. Read	209	30	24	13	--	9	531	10	8	----	100	1	371	1,267 19	4,582 64	Somerville, " " "
Peapack	Vacant	105	1	----	5	2	3	216	2	1	----	----	2	100	55 00	1,100 00	Peapack, " " "
Branchville	Joel Loucks	102	2	8	9	--	2	305	5	----	----	----	1	150	361 87	1,215 63	South Branch, " " "
Third Raritan	Charles H. Pool	119	9	17	12	--	2	315	12	----	114	235	1	273	827 94	1,871 08	Raritan, " " "
Easton	George M. S. Blauvelt	70	----	----	2	--	----	134	5	----	----	----	1	80	429 00	2,461 00	Easton, Northampton Co., Pa.
Pottersville	George W. Scarlett	64	24	5	5	--	2	110	1	14	----	----	1	93	58 06	936 70	Pottersville, Hun. Co., N. J.
High Bridge	Curtis E. Long	70	3	3	3	--	1	109	3	----	----	149	1	149	54 63	650 00	High Bridge, " "
Annandale	William J. Henderson.*	80	1	----	----	--	----	145	----	----	----	----	----	----	206 75	699 21	Annandale, " "
Fourth Raritan (Ger)	Supplied	34	24	----	----	--	----	64	21	----	----	2	1	14	----	183 00	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
	Total	1800	144	115	99	2	57	3616	101	37	409	776	23	2475	$5,951 14	$26,542 61	

* Pastor elect.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; Rev. H. F. Schnellendreumler, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, N. J.; Rev. J. F. Meslck (s. c.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED. Infants.	BAPTIZED. Adults.	BAPTIZED. Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. and S. S. No. of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. and S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	18	16	..	1454	274	103	52	7	40	2510	385	52	1074	1167	19	4220	$4,891 71	$32,140 10	J. F. Harris.
South Classis of Bergen	13	13	..	1228	188	83	102	2	46	2489	269	31	1333	1339	15	3768	8,010 09	40,636 34	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	11	..	668	43	30	133	2	21	1217	32	11	560	312	15	1064	1,637 74	10,201 56	Theodore W. Welles.
Classis of Newark	15	19	1	1790	268	153	112	....	47	3550	163	80	320	813	18	4446	15,987 41	56,156 41	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	11	20	1	1090	89	62	90	....	33	2427	46	22	625	1058	24	2127	8,439 53	21,548 86	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	24	..	1911	168	121	123	2	63	3513	155	38	2675	2223	26	3906	7,858 67	49,744 03	John C. Van Deventer.
Classis of Passaic	15	13	..	1417	80	49	40	1	27	2195	120	21	1828	756	23	2834	2,436 79	22,385 11	Samuel T. Searle.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	17	..	1597	214	72	100	3	40	2926	139	58	409	332	29	3381	6,346 79	35,552 17	William B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	15	19	..	1800	144	115	99	2	57	3616	101	37	409	776	23	2475	5,951 14	26,542 61	John F. Mesick.
Total	134	152	2	12955	1468	788	851	19	374	24443	1410	350	9233	8776	192	28221	$61,559 87	$294,907 19	



CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood	A. B. Taylor	37	1					35	2				1	65	$ 171 10	$1,000 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	H. Van Derwart	152	23	15	3		5	*252	7	3		280	1	325	1,663 46	42 92	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh	George Seibert	107	13	4	1		3	196	6	2	198	167	2	167	556 87	3,265 30	Schraalenberg, N. J.
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen	112	36	10			5	223	16	9			2	516	905 68	3,366 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Park Ref., Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	180	33	13	9		5	398	9	11		200	1	510	617 22	7,734 37	586 Jersey Ave., Jersey City.
First Hoboken	Vacant	†65	14	3	3	4		113	10	10		32	1	221	44 44	1,529 88	Hoboken, N. J.
German Evan., Hoboken	J. W. Freund	150	53	2	3		5	*509	224	5	875	103	1	550	127 12	2,520 99	Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen	John Justin	58	9		2		3	80	13			31	1	280	187 00	1,265 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	105	13	16	5		3	153	12	3		175	1	175	231 14	3,735 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Third Hackensack	Louis Goebel	*77	33	1	1	1	4		68	1	1	18	1	203	22 25	2,488 77	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City	Vacant	70	5	9	16	2	2	130	6	1		90	1	125	47 29	1,216 90	Closter, N. J.
Palisades	Francis M. Bogardus	50			5		3	44	4			50	2	100	36 00	600 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenburg	Vacant	50	15	1			1	59					1	119			Guttenberg, N. J.
Central Ave., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright	100	15	5	4			175	4	5			1	340	166 88	1,800 00	Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill	J. F. Harris	60	3	1			1	50	3				1	143	106 23	1,305 67	New Bridge, N. J.
Spring Valley	Vacant	20	2					22				1		49	9 03	269 30	
Secaucus	Vacant	‡36						42						200			Secaucus, N. J.
Westwood	Vacant	25	6	23				29	1	2		20	1	132			Westwood, N. J.
	Total	1454	274	103	52	7	40	2510	385	52	1074	1167	19	4220	$4,891 71	$32,140 10	

* Revised list. † Report of last year. ‡ Report of year before last.

Other Ministers—W. R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island; Wm. C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland County, Va.; James H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan; Isaac E. House, Hoboken, N. J.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	233	17	22	15	1	8	382	19	3	245	300	2	498	$1,984 67	$6,661 33	509 Bergen Ave., Jersey City.
First, Jersey City	Vacant				38		2	71									
First, Bayonne	William W. Knox	170	11	21	7		4	290	10	6	250	300	2	612	498 27	3,489 86	Bayonne, N. J.
Second, Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	5	9	4		5	221	2	1	75	175	1	316	800 00	5,251 75	238 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	James E. Riggs	75	16	2	6		2	125	4	5	50	94	1	165	1,200 00	7,500 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Meury	143	33	4	2		7	340	33	5	52	57	1	540	1,639 23	2,100 00	14 Sherman Place, Jersey City.
Lafayette	William R. Duryee (S.C.)	90	10	6	11		3	200	10	4	100	150	1	275	1,062 00	5,375 00	239 Pacific Ave., Jersey City.
Greenville	Vacant	77	8	6	4	1	6	147	17	2			1	243	444 79	2,394 11	
Free, Jersey City	Henry Mattice	74	15	4	3		1	168	17	1	140	65	1	245	185 94	1,546 82	86 Union St., Jersey City.
Third, Bayonne	Gottlieb Andræa (S. S.)	40	40				4	100	30		50	15	2	200	15 00	1,200 00	110 Clinton Ave., Jersey City.
South Bergen	William Vaughan	70	12	9	6		1	155	16	3	110	144	1	238	80 19	2,294 53	24 Crescent Ave., Jersey City.
First Ger. Ev., Jer. City	John Staehli	58	9				1	140	77	1	211	19	1	236		1,222 94	338 Montgomery St., Jer. City.
St. John's G. Ev., Bergen	Gottlieb Andræa	78	12		6		2	150	34		50	20	1	150	100 00	1,600 00	110 Clinton Ave., Jersey City.
	Total	1228	188	83	102	2	46	2489	269	31	1333	1339	15	3768	$8,010 09	$40,636 34	

Other Ministers—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theological School, Tokio, Japan; Rev. William Westerfield, Hotel Royal, New York City.



CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Freehold	Theo. W. Welles (s. c.)	90	8	1	2		5	220	7	3	80	80	2	200	$122 56	$1,519 85	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N.J.
Holmdel	William Reiley*	90	3	1	1	2	3	134		1	85		1	110	334 25	1,035 26	Holmdel, Monmouth Co., N.J.
Spotswood	Cyril Spaulding	35	2		2			68	3	1	34	15	3	60	78 15	1,068 00	Spotswood, Middlesex Co., N.J.
Middletown	Chas. D. Buck	32	4	2	1		1	76	2	1	25		1	60	211 61	1,003 72	Middletown, Monmouth Co., "
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	104	12	7	7		8	249	7	2	†83	147	1	147	632 23	2,039 23	Freehold, Monmouth Co., N.J.
Long Branch	Vacant	80	7	6	105		1	135	3		‡55		2	90			Long Branch, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	53		3			2	72			40	10	1	120	85 00	920 11	Keyport, " " "
Colts Neck	Geo. W. Labaw	95	3		5		1	167	2	3	114	35	2	100	154 64	1,939 78	Colts Neck, " " "
Highlands	Henry Boggis	24						† 33	7		†18		1	87		63 97	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	D. Chas. Preyer	65	4	10	10			63	1		†26	†25	1	90	19 30	611 64	Asbury Park, " " "
	Total	668	43	30	133	2	21	1217	32	11	560	312	15	1064	$1,637 74	$10,201 56	

* Pastor Emeritus. † Last year's report. ‡ Estimated.

Other Ministers.—Rev. G. C. Schenck, Emeritus, Bradevelt, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Supt. of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Edward Cornet, Suspended from the Ministry.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.														
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	Ralph W. Brokaw	145	10	11	3		3	204	6	2	125	165	1	200	$415 03	$2,562 18	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First Newark	Thomas C. Easton	198	25	26	10		10	459	3	10			2	529	672 28	7,778 29	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Irvington	Henry Vehslage, (s. c.)	87	3	7	7		1	158	1			60	1	190	24 00	1,784 00	Irvington, Essex Co., N. J.
Second Newark	John A. Davis	110	8	7	15		3	178	11	3			1	326	324 50	5,712 64	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Franklin	Benj. C. Miller	52	5	2	2		1	92	5	1	114	95	1	115			Franklin, Essex Co., N. J.
North Newark	David Waters	269	38	27	12		6	561	6	10			2	895	9,395 00	11,117 00	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
West Newark	Carl Girtanner	92	30	1	2		4	280	60		10	36	1	280	28 00	1,915 65	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Clinton Ave., Newark	William J. R. Taylor	165	6	5	15		7	385	6	4		194	2	754	1,717 14	7,140 80	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
East Newark	Richard P. Milliken	44	2	1	1		3	65	8		60	90	1	200	121 16	3,440 19	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Linden	Supplied	30	1	2	2		1	57	2			25	1	85		750 00	
Christ, Woodside	Charles H. Jones	103	15	18	10		2	121	8	4		148	1	207	504 27	2,412 37	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Stone House Plains	William G. E. See	45						78	16				1	100	84 83	1,109 00	Brookdale, Essex Co., N. J.
Orange	George S. Bishop	230	79	26	17		4	496	12	27			1	345	1,432 21	*2,673 03	East Orange, Essex Co., N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield	Supplied	190	41	20	16		1	360	8	19			1	320	1,234 99	5,261 26	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
German, Plainfield	Supplied	30	5				1	56	11		11		1		34 00	2,500 00	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
	Total	1790	268	153	112		47	3550	163	80	320	813	18	4446	$15,987 41	$56,156 41	

*Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.; Frederick Koechli, Plainfield, N. J.; John N. Jansen, Newark, N. J.

Candidate.—Livingston L. Taylor.



CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First New Brunswick	Philetus T. Pockman	252	15	7	31	--	8	637	4	6	----	350	1	546	$2,489 44	$4,640 78	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Henry D'B. Mulford	150	11	7	10	--	5	318	6	3	87	82	6	332	1,635 28	3,216 74	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin, (S.C.)	*140	12	8	11	--	2	*275	10	1	150	100	7	200	471 80	1,545 00	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush	James LeFevre	80	6	3	1	--	3	170	3	----	122	100	1	125	522 37	1,425 11	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	Robert V. Palmer	51	1	3	7	--	1	133	1	1	40	45	2	75	279 54	799 32	Griggstown, N. J.
Second New Brunswick	Mancius H. Hutton	179	10	11	16	--	10	415	7	4	196	221	2	327	2,456 45	5,089 15	New Brunswick, N. J.
Bound Brook	Vacant	40	----	----	6	--	----	77	1	----	----	120	1	140	56 00	597 27	Bound Brook, N. J.
Third New Brunswick	Carl Meyer, (S.S.)	----	----	----	----	--	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone	Alex. McWilliam	70	6	5	2	--	3	146	2	----	30	40	1	85	200 00	1,227 76	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	James Cruikshanks	73	15	2	4	--	1	154	2	5	----	----	2	200	178 65	1,636 82	Metuchen, N. J.
SuydamSt.,N.Brunsw'k	Wm. H. Campbell	55	13	16	2	--	----	102	10	2	----	----	1	97	150 00	1,370 91	New Brunswick, N. J.
	Total	1090	89	62	90	--	33	2427	46	22	625	1058	24	2127	$8,439 53	$21,548 86	

*Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, Professors in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; John L. See; address of all at New Brunswick, N. J.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Pachoque, N. Y.; Alex. G. Van Aken, Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Nebraska.

Missionary.—Eugene S. Booth.

Candidate.—Dewitt T. Reiley.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	150	9	14	12		10	343	10	3	250	150	1	380	$1,807 17	$4,530 55	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	N. H. Van Arsdale	100	9	1	3		5	189	2	4	150	150	1	202	412 76	4,394 09	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Centerville	Anson Du Bois	30	1		21			25	1			100	1	133	520 70	1,335 86	Athenia, Passaic Co., N. J.
Clarkstown	David M. Talmage	75	3	3	7		4	107	7	1	60		1	67	188 00	1,689 94	Mount Moor, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	82	6	1	1		2	‖142	11		202	42	1	98	112 79	993 16	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Lodi	L. G. Jongeneel	41	3	3	4			61	5		135		1	50	23 78	465 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Holland, Passaic	J. W. Warnshuis	‖130	24	12	2	1	1	‖174	27	2	424	150	1	232	227 09	1,557 87	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke	Jacobus Diephuis*	95	13	4	6		3	237	23		395		2	125	39 36	1,030 53	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
North Passaic	J. H. Whitehead	82	5	10	9		2	210	8			252	1	290	431 66	7,381 34	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Nyack	J. C. Van Deventer, (S.C.)	‖159	22	11	8		9	‖329	2	9	160	218	1	‖250	1,509 59	5,391 81	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	W. H. Vroom	105	12		7		1	213	7	2	143	55	1	146	280 61	2,016 52	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	7	2	8		2	137	2		137	150	1	183	103 15	2,137 91	Park Ridge, N. J.
Piermont	J. R. Verbrycke*	50	3	8	5		3	108	1			87	1	87	278 46	1,951 62	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	58	11	2				89	1	3		70	1	70	86 00	700 00	Ramapo, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramseys	Vacant†	15						34				30	1	35			Ramseys, N. J.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	68	7	14			1	‖128	4	1	66	50	1	197	60 56	2,103 20	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Saddle River	William N. Todd	54	1	1	7		2	82	4		50	6	1	60	24 02	942 75	Monsey, N. Y.
Second Lodi	William Manchee	32	1	1	2			64	4		93	123	1	141	100 00	1,576 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Second Totowa	John H. Durvee‡ / Peter H. Milliken	156	10	2	2		8	296	16	2	170	160	1	482	736 86	3,524 18	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Crispell	85	6	12	11	1	2	134	9	2	58	193	1	219	245 80	1,547 00	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan	William H. Williamson	100	2	4	6		4	171	5		100	60	3	200	108 20	1,440 80	Tappan, N. Y.
Warwick	Vacant	105	10	12	1		4	166	3	8	61	75	1	127	789 00	2,393 33	Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.
West New Hempstead	John Laubenheimer	39	3	4	1			80	3	1	21	48	1	132	73 11	640 57	Monsey, N. Y.
	Total	1911	168	151	127	2	63	3713	155	38	2675	2223	26	3906	$7,858 67	$49,744 03	

Other Ministers.—Rev. R. M. Offord, *N. Y. Observer*; V. B. Carroll, Warwick, N. Y. * Pastor elect. † Last year's report. ‡ Pastor Emeritus. ‖ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S.S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boardville	Vacant							18				36	1	40	$78 44		Midvale, Passaic county, N. J.
Boonton	Vacant	61	2	3	9		1	99		1			1	175	104 02	$1,421 23	Boonton, Morris " "
Fairfield	Louis J. Lockwood,(P.E.)	67			1		3	176	3		25	100	1	102	86 00	1,068 20	Fairfield, Essex " "
Franklin Furnace	Gilbert S. Garretson	40		2	2			21	5			87	1	125	45 13	682 05	Franklin Furnace, Sus. Co. "
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	67	6	5	2		2	150	12				1	150	78 56	1,649 98	Little Falls, Passaic " "
Montville	Jacob O. Van Fleet	82	1	2			2	141	3	1	62		1	110	107 50	1,139 69	Boonton, Morris " "
Sixth Paterson, Holland	Vacant	388	4	4	2		6	356	32		886	123	1	416	225 00	2,274 00	Paterson, Passaic " "
Pompton Plains	Henry W. Teller	141	6	1	3		1	290	7	1			5	433	543 18	2,332 92	Pompton Plains, Morris " "
Pompton	John A. Trimmer	75	8	1	2			134	2	8		70	2	200	364 00	3,200 00	Pompton, Passaic " "
Ponds	Wm. E. Bogardus	55			2		2	64					3	150	71 50	752 87	Oakland, Bergen " "
Preakness	Vacant	*41	5		1		3	*79	3	1			2	95	51 67	754 10	Paterson, Passaic " "
Riverside, Paterson	Albert A. King. (P. E.)	20	7	15			1	21	2	2		80	1	133		692 41	" " " "
First Totowa, Paterson	J. Lemoyne Danner	100	12	5	9		2	225	10	5	150	100	1	253	367 32	3,324 37	" " " "
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	190	24	9	5	1	3	300	35		595	115	1	360	232 87	2,067 63	" " " "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle, (S. C.)	90	5	2	2		3	121	6	2	110	45	1	92	81 60	1,025 56	Wyckoff, Bergen " "
	Total	1417	89	49	40	1	27	2195	120	21	1828	756	23	2834	$2,436 79	$22,385 11	

*Revised List.

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, County Superintendent of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; I. S. Demunds, Emeritus, Ridgewood, Bergen County, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	135	40	4	9	2	1	*253	6	23	163	50	6	420	$489 42	$1,600 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	150	11	6	10	—	5	287	10	3	—	—	¶5	200	200 34	2,047 24	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	150	14	5	27	—	5	221	8	6	150	—	†4	250	462 66	1,600 00	Neshanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia	Wm. R. Taylor	100	31	8	‖3	—	1	250	5	8	—	—	1	386	1,050 00	5,637 78	1224 Spring Garden St., Phila.
Second, Philadelphia	Wm. H. Clark	260	12	9	11	—	4	449	10	3	—	—	2	547	2,451 96	6.788 91	517 Brown St., Phila.
Fourth, Philadelphia	Cornelius Schenck	150	29	5	1	1	5	327	13	1	—	—	1	449	565 14	5,921 33	Manayunk, Phila.
Blawenburg	Wm. R. Voorhees	91	3	7	4	—	1	174	4	1	—	20	1	150	267 51	1,130 57	Blawenburg, N. J.
Stanton†	Vacant	95	13	5	9	—	3	168	5	2	40	50	1	100	100 00	965 57	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert	80	3	7	3	—	3	120	4	2	—	—	1	—	100 16	852 45	Clover Hill, N. J.
Third, Philadelphia	George H. Stephens, (s.s.)	13	7	2	11	—	1	31	4	1	—	49	1	105	131 25	648 10	----------
Rocky Hill	Josiah E. Crane	66	3	4	6	—	5	145	2	3	—	125	1	125	89 72	960 00	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Addisville	Edward Birdsall	72	5	—	3	—	2	‡121	1	2	56	—	3	179	148 67	1,114 88	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	160	40	—	1	—	4	258	65	2	—	38	1	350	201 00	5,651 10	2223 Otis St., Phila.
Three Bridges	Eugene Hill	75	3	10	2	—	—	122	2	1	—	—	1	120	88 96	574 24	Three Bridges, N. J.
	Total	1597	214	72	100	3	40	2926	139	58	409	352	29	3381	$6,346 79	$35,552 17	

* Also 108 non-residents. † 2 Union Schools. ‡ Last year's report. ‖ Revised List. ‖ From non-resident list. ¶ One union.

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, Cbina; G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna St., Philadelphia, Pa.; A. Stoll, Balpore, India.



CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Communicants.	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Raritan	I. Preston Searle	210	23	30	8	--	7	521	6	4	---	200	1	325	$809 44	$5,207 40	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington	Benjamin V. D Wyckoff.	195	5	8	16	--	10	276	15	1	155	---	4	250	514 39	1,663 36	Readington, Hunterdon Co. "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	110	5	3	8	--	8	224	8	1	80	---	1	170	546 88	1,469 25	Bedminster, Somerset Co., "
Lebanon	William E. Davis	208	2	3	5	--	6	265	3	2	---	30	2	175	240 00	1,950 00	Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., "
Rockaway	Marion T. Conklin	102	13	3	6	--	2	219	2	6	---	---	5	200	104 47	1,412 59	White House, " " "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	122	1	11	7	--	5	182	8	---	60	60	2	125	475 52	1,140 75	North Branch, Somerset Co. "
Second Raritan	Edward G. Read	209	30	24	13	--	9	531	10	8	---	100	1	371	1,267 19	4,582 64	Somerville, " " "
Peapack	Vacant	105	1	---	5	2	3	216	2	1	---	---	2	100	55 00	1,100 00	Peapack, " " "
Branchville	Joel Loucks	102	2	8	9	--	2	305	5	---	---	---	1	150	361 87	1,215 63	South Branch, " " "
Third Raritan	Charles H. Pool	119	9	17	12	--	2	315	12	---	114	235	1	273	827 94	1,871 08	Raritan, " " "
Easton	George M. S. Blauvelt	70	---	---	2	--	---	134	5	---	---	---	1	80	429 00	2,461 00	Easton, Northampton Co., Pa.
Pottersville	George W. Scarlett	64	24	5	5	--	2	110	1	14	---	---	1	93	58 06	936 70	Pottersville, Hun. Co., N. J.
High Bridge	Curtis E. Long	70	3	3	3	--	1	109	3	---	---	149	1	149	54 63	650 00	High Bridge, " "
Annandale	William J. Henderson.*	80	1	---	---	---	---	145	---	---	---	---	---	---	206 75	699 21	Annandale, " "
Fourth Raritan (Ger)	Supplied	34	24	---	---	---	---	64	21	---	---	2	1	14	---	183 00	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
	Total	1800	144	115	99	2	57	3616	101	37	409	776	23	2475	$5,951 14	$26,542 61	

* Pastor elect.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; Rev. H. F. Schnellendreusler, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, N. J.; Rev. J. F. Mesick (s. c.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED. Infants.	BAPTIZED. Adults.	BAPTIZED. Total Baptized Non-Communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. and S. S. No. of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. and S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	18	16	--	1454	274	103	52	7	40	2510	385	52	1074	1167	19	4220	$4,891 71	$32,140 10	J. F. Harris.
South Classis of Bergen	13	13	--	1228	188	83	102	2	46	2489	269	31	1333	1339	15	3768	8,010 09	40,636 34	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	11	--	668	43	30	133	2	21	1217	32	11	560	312	15	1064	1,637 74	10,201 56	Theodore W. Welles.
Classis of Newark	15	19	1	1790	268	153	112	---	47	3550	163	80	320	813	18	4446	15,987 41	56,156 41	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	11	20	1	1090	89	62	90	---	33	2427	46	22	625	1058	24	2127	8,439 53	21,548 86	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	24	--	1911	168	121	123	2	63	3513	155	38	2675	2223	26	3906	7,858 67	49,744 03	John C. Van Deventer.
Classis of Passaic	15	13	--	1417	80	49	40	1	27	2195	120	21	1828	756	23	2834	2,436 79	22,385 11	Samuel T. Searle.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	17	--	1597	214	72	100	3	40	2926	139	58	409	332	29	3381	6,346 79	35,552 17	William B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	15	19	--	1800	144	115	99	2	57	3616	101	37	409	776	23	2475	5,951 14	26,542 61	John F. Mesick.
Total	134	152	2	12955	1468	788	851	19	374	24443	1410	350	9233	8776	192	28221	$61,559 87	$294,907 19	





ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The following report of the Committee on Classical Minutes was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to offer the following report: That they find the books presented for examination kept in regular form, viz: Those of Bergen, South Bergen, Monmouth, Newark, Paramus, Passaic, Philadelphia, Raritan. New Brunswick not presented for examination.

With respect to the constitutional questions:—

Classis of Bergen.—Out of 18 churches, 6 make no answer, but there is the note "without a pastor." The following six answer to question 2nd: Park, Jersey City, German Evangelical, Hoboken, Second and Third Hackensack, Palisades and Cherry Hill. To question 3rd: New Durham answers no. To question 7th: Central Ave., Jersey City, First Hackensack and North Bergen answer four; Second Hackensack answers three, and Palisades answers one.

South Bergen.—All the churches answer yes to all the questions, with the exception of First Church of Bayonne, which answers no to the 2nd question.

Monmouth.—All the churches answer yes, with the exception of First and Second Freehold, which answer no to the 2nd question; Holmdel, which answers no to 2nd and 3rd questions, and Asbury Park, which answers no to 3rd and 7th questions.

Newark.—To questions 1, 4, 5 and 6, all responded yes. To the 2nd question, all responded yes, except Second Newark, Lindan, Trinity and German, Plainfield, and North Newark. To the 3rd question all answer yes, except East Newark, Stone House Plains and Trinity and German, of Plainfield. The 7th question was answered in the negative by First Newark, Irvington, Second Newark, Franklin, Woodside, Stone House Plains, German, Plainfield, and Linden.

Paramus.—The exceptions from yes in this series of 23 answers are the following: To question 2nd, Clarkstown, "not literally," and Ramapo answers "no." To question 6, First Holland, Paterson, answers "not fully," and to question 7, Clarkstown, Holland, Lodi, answer "no;" Pascack answers "some omitted through oversight;" Ramapo answers "in part;" Ridgewood and



st Hempstead answer "3 Boards;" Saddle River answers "2 rds," and Spring Valley answers "not all."

assaic.—Only one church in this classis answers yes to all the stions. The Church of Boardville answers no, to questions id 4, and leaves question 7, blank. Boonton answers no to stion 2, 3, 4 and 7; Fairfield to 2 and 7; Franklin Furnace to id 7; Sixth Paterson to 4 and 7; Montville to 2 and 7; Pomp- to 2 and 7; Preakness to 2 and 7; First Totona to 2 and 7; Wyckoff to 6 and 7; Ponds not represented.

hiladelphia.—Out of 14 series of answers, North and South npton, Harlingen, Neshanic, First and Fourth Philadelphia, ver Hill, Rocky Hill and Three Bridges answer "no" to stion 2. First and Second Philadelphia answer "no" to ques- 3; and First and Fourth Philadelphia, Blawenburg, Clover , Rocky Hill and Fifth Philadelphia answer "no" to ques- 7.

aritan.—All the 13 series of answers are "yes," except that minster, Peapack, Branchville and Fourth Raritan answer " " to question 2; and that Bedminster, Lebanon, Rockaway, pack, Branchville, Easton, Pottersville, High Bridge, Annan- and Fourth Raritan answer "no" to question 7.

he foregoing report plainly shows that the delinquents are ely on the increase, and in view of this great and growing evil:

esolved, That the Classes be enjoined to provide and apply e appropriate remedy for such cases of delinquency as may ır in the future.

GEO. SEIBERT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

he complaint of Rev. Wm. R. Gordon against certain action he Classis of Bergen, came from last Synod as unfinished ness, was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judi- Business, and by them recommended to be tried in constitu- al form.

he President reminded the Synod that it should remember its acter as a Court of Jesus Christ, and Dr. Waters, by request, the Synod in prayer. The Synod then took up the case in following order:

The action of the Classis complained of was read.

Dr. Gordon's complaint was read.



3. The certificate of Rev. Isaac W. Gowen as Commissioner of Classis was read, and Mr. Gowen recognized as such Commissioner.

4. All the papers in the case were read.

5. The complainant was heard.

6. The Commissioner of the Classis of Bergen was heard.

7. The complainant was heard in reply.

After an opportunity was given to obtain all necessary information, the parties concerned in the case were requested to withdraw. The roll was then called, and each member of the Synod was given an opportunity to express his opinion, when, on motion, the following action was taken to express the decision of the Synod in the case:

Resolved, 1., That the Synod sustain the complaint of Dr. Gordon, as, in the opinion of Synod, he had constitutional reasons for making said complaint.

2. While exonerating the Classis of Bergen from any desire to act unconstitutionally, still the Synod feels that it failed to act in harmony with the constitutional rules laid down for the guidance of Classes in the reception of Ministers from other Churches.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report that the following papers have been placed in their hands:

1. The following communication:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Reformed Church suggests the importance of the doctrinal instruction which may be conveyed by means of Psalms and Hymns, and has especially provided against the public use in our Churches of such Psalms and Hymns as have not been approved and recommended by the General Synod (Art. x: 5); *and whereas*, the doctrinal instruction of children in the Sunday Schools of our Church, is a matter of yet graver importance, in its bearing upon their future spiritual life and their soundness in the faith; *and whereas*, the regularly authorized Catechisms of our Church, (the Heidelberg and the Compendium,)are often superseded in use in our Sunday Schools, and other Catechisms are employed, which may (or do) contain



statements of doctrine which are "contrary to the Word of God, the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of our Church (Art. vii: 7); therefore,

Resolved, That the "Particular Synod of New Brunswick," in regular session convened, hereby petitions the General Synod, at its next annual meeting (June, '87,) to submit to the several Classes for their approval, an amendment or addition to the Constitution which shall read as follows:

Art. x, Sec. 6. No text books, known as Catechisms, and designed for the instruction of children and youth in Christian doctrine, shall be used in the Sunday Schools of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, but such as are approved and recommended by the General Synod.

Your Committee have not time during a session of Synod to give the subject referred to in the above named paper the careful consideration and patient investigation it demands. No work in which the Church is engaged is of greater importance than the instruction of the young. The impressions made upon the mind of the child are enduring and influential all through life; bringing forth, as their fruit, the perfected Christian character, or the error-blighted and blasted soul. As Ministers of the Gospel, we are under solemn obligations to preach the truth as the same is set forth in the standards of the Church. As Elders, we have promised before God to guard the Church against the teachings of false doctrine in the pulpit.

By constitutional enactment, the Reformed Church prohibits the utterance in song, of a word or praise, that is not in full accord with the doctrinal standards of the Church. But with all these safeguards there is nothing to guard the children of the Church against instruction that may be subversive of every doctrine of the Word of God, dear and precious to our hearts.

This certainly ought not to be. If a guard is set over the pulpit there should certainly be a double guard set over the Sabbath School. Whether the method adopted by the paper submitted to your Committee is the best that could be devised, and whether it would meet the requirements of the case, are questions which your Committee think should be submitted to the judgment of the whole Church.

They therefore recommend the reference of the aforesaid paper to the General Synod with the request that they take such action in relation to the matters therein presented as their best judgment may dictate.



2. A communication in relation to the Statistical Tables, and suggestions for their improvement.

This communication contains a dozen or more resolutions, some of them, in the opinion of your committee, useless and impracticable, and others it would do no harm to adopt, and might do some good. Your committee therefore recommend the consideration of these resolutions by the Synod in committee of the whole.

[As the result of the consideration in committee of the whole, the following overture was sent to General Synod:

Resolved, That the General Synod be, and hereby is, requested to adopt the following rules and make them the law of the whole church in the matters relating to the Statistical Tables.

1. Every Consistory or Classis receiving members on certificate shall immediately notify the church or consistory from which such certificates have come.

2. That Consistories revise their Communion Rolls yearly.

3. That Consistorial Reports be made out to cover all the time since the last printed report, and that whenever the report is for more than one year the time be stated.

4. That a "last year's report" consist of the following items only:—"Number of Families," "Total now in Communion," "Total of Baptized Non-Communicants," "Number of Catechumens," "Number of Sabbath Schools" and "Total Enrollment."]

3. A number of papers in connection with the complaint of the Rev. W. R. Gordon, D. D., against the Classis of Bergen, as follows:

1st. The complaint and reasons thereof.

2nd. The minutes of the Classis of Bergen containing the action complained of.

3rd. Certain correspondence between Rev. W. R. Gordon, D. D., and W. J. Sparks.

4th. A letter addressed by the Rev. W. R. Gordon, D. D., to the President *pro tem.* of the Classis of Bergen, dated December 18, 1885, and accompanying the complaint.

5th. A certificate of the appointment by the Classis of Bergen of the Rev. Isaac W. Gowen as the commissioner of the Classis.

6th. A resolution of the last Particular Synod referring the above-mentioned complaint for certain specified reasons to this Synod.

Your Committee believe the complaint to be properly before the Synod, and the complaint itself to be in due form, and there-



fore recommend that the complaint be entertained, that the Synod proceed to the consideration of the same, and that the Rev. Isaac B. Gowen be recognized as the Commissioner of the Classis of Bergen.

Your Committee also recommend that the order of reviewing the whole case be as follows:

1. The action of Classis of which complaint is made to be read.
2. The complaint and reasons of complaint shall be read.
3. The other papers shall be read.
4. The complainant shall be heard.
5. The Commissioner of the Classis shall be heard.
6. The complainant shall be heard in reply.

THEO. W. WELLES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The following report of the Committee on Temperance was received, accepted and adopted:

The committee of conference and co-operation with similar committees of other denominations in this State on the subject of temperance report as follows—

One meeting of the joint commission was held during the year, viz., on Monday, Jan. 10, 1887, in the editorial rooms of *The Independent* in New York City. Representatives of the Presbyterian. Methodist, Baptist and Reformed churches were present. In the careful consideration of the whole subject, no new phase of the temperance question or method of work being suggested, it was determined, while urging the churches to continue the old and manifestly necessary gospel temperance preaching and work, to repeat the deliverances of last year's commission, viz.: "That we advise the co-operation of members of Christian churches of all denominations in a hearty effort to secure the election to the Legislature of members who will agree to vote for Local Option, or such other prohibitory measure as will submit the question to a vote of the people."

It was also determined that this action be printed with the deliverances on the subject of temperance by the several ecclesiastical bodies represented, and distributed among the churches of the State.

A Local Option Bill that had been prepared by the State Local Option Committee, and the Hygiene Education Bill of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, were approved, and the commission resolved to appear before the Legislature of the State and urge their passage. At an appointed time a hearing was given to the commission on these bills by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Assembly, but, as is well known, neither of the bills was passed.

Your committee recommend that the action of the joint commission be approved by this Synod, and that a similar committee of conference and co-operation be appointed for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. POOL, *Chairman.*

The Synod reappointed the committee of last year, viz.: Rev. Chas. H. Pool, Rev. Thos. C. Easton, D. D., Rev. Cornelius Brett and Elders Richard B. Ferris and Martin L. Senderling.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The hour of 11 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday was appointed to hear representatives of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions. Rev. Cornelius Brett addressed the Synod on the interests of Home Missions, and Rev. Chas. H. Pool on the Foreign Mission work.



The following action was taken:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with much interest the addresses of Mr. Brett and Mr. Pool on behalf of the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missions, thanks these brethren for their able addresses, and commends the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missions to the continued confidence and liberality of the churches under the care of this Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.

TREASURY.

The Treasurer's Report was received, read, and referred to the proper committee. The report is as follows:

NEW YORK, April 27, 1887.

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*, in account with

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

1886.	DR.	
	To balance per last report	$192 25
Sept. 20,	To Cash from Classis of Paramus	20 00
" 23,	" " " Classis of Monmouth	8 00
Oct. 18,	" " " Classis of Raritan	18 50
" 25,	" " " Classis of Philadelphia	18 00
Nov. 8,	" " " Classis of New Brunswick	10 00
1887.		
Jan. 3,	" " " Classis of South Bergen	12 50
March 19,	" " " Classis of Passaic	15 00
April 25,	" " " Classis of Bergen	12 00
		$306 25

1886.	CR.		
June 8,	Cash paid Unionist-Gazette Assoc'n	$106 07	
July 1,	" " Rev. J. P. Searle	11 40	
Nov. 15,	" " Rev. Chas. H. Pool	58 16	
1887.			
April 27,	To balance	130 62	
			$306 25

UNPAID.

April 27, Classis of Newark $13 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer.*



The Committee on Treasurer's Report announced that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and had found them correct, and recommended that the usual assessments be made for the ensuing year.

JOHN DUNCAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 3 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., as the hours of meeting, and 12 M. and 5:30 P. M. as the hours of adjournment.

The first hour after the opening of the Synod and the first half-hour of the session of Wednesday were given to devotional services according to the Rules of Order.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The President, Rev. E. G. Read, presided, and read the Form. Rev. Herman Vanderwart distributed the bread, and Rev. Wm. H. Williamson gave the cup, assisted by Elders Jas. A. Williamson, Jas. Wisner, John Duncan and Geo. V. Tunison.

The special discourse was given Wednesday evening by Rev. R. W. Brokaw on the topic assigned, viz.: "What aid can the Christian Church give towards solving the Industrial Questions now agitating Society?" The Synod gave a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brokaw for his address.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following subject for the special discourse of next year, which was adopted: "Ministerial Loyalty to the Doctrinal Standards of our Church—its Measure and its Test." Rev. Wm. W. Knox, *primarius*, and Rev. J. Howard Suydam, *secundus*, were appointed to give the discourse.

In accordance with the action of the last General Synod rescinding the rule which requires the Particular Synods to appoint committees on "Church Visitation" and "Church Extension," Articles XVI and XVII of the Lemmata of this Synod, relating to these subjects, were stricken out, and the numbers of the following Lemmata changed to correspond.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given to the pastor and congregation of Lebanon for their cordial and bountiful hospitality, and to the choir of the church for their excellent music.



Four hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of this session were ordered printed.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the sexton for his services.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations by the Classes were confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Isaac W. Gowen,	Elder Thomas M. Ward,
" Arthur Johnson,	" John Gardner,
" Chas. S. Wright,	" Philip Shaefer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Herman Vanderwart,	Elder Thomas Picken,
" John W. Freund,	" Frederick Bruggeworth,
" John Justin,	" Valentine Samler.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius Brett,	Elder G. D. Van Reipen,
" Wm. W. Knox,	" John Brinkerhoff,
" James F. Riggs,	" Garret E. Winants.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Staehli,	Elder Herman Bruns,
" Wm. Westerfield,	" John Van Horne,
" Wm. Vaughan,	" Tunis Vanderveer.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Reiley, D. D.,	Elder J. H. Heyer,
" Theodore W. Welles,	" Joseph A. Butcher,
" Elias Mead,	" G. S. Luyster.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. D. Buck, D. D.,	Elder Henry V. Luyster,
" Isaac P. Brokaw,	" Wm. Statesir,
" Geo. W. Labaw,	" John A. Smock.



Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Oscar Gesner,	Elder Cornelius T. Williamson,
" Thos. C. Easton, D. D.,	" Wm. H. Kirk,
" Henry Vehslage, D. D.,	" Joseph Shafer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. M. Macaulay, D. D.,	Elder C. C. Hine,
" Chas. H. Jones,	" Jotham H. Condit,
" Ralph W. Brokaw,	" Oba Woodruff.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry D'B. Mulford,	Elder H. P. Cortelyou,
" James Le Fevre,	" John DeMott,
" Edward T. Corwin, D. D.,	" P. C. Staats.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James Cruikshank,	Elder Freeman Edgar,
" Robert V. Palmer,	" Martin Staats,
" P. T. Pockman,	" Adrian Vermeule.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John H. Duryea, D. D.,	Elder John Hopper,
" Anson Du Bois, D. D.,	" Hugh Cheyne,
" L. G. Jongeneel,	" Louis Miller.
" Wm. W. Letson,	" A. J. Winter.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Peter H. Milliken,	Elder John H. O'Blenis,
" Cornelius E. Crespell, D.D.,	" Peter T. Ackerman,
" Nath'l H. Van Arsdale,	" Alex. D. Hill,
" John A. Van Neste,	" A. A. Romaine.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry W. Teller,	Elder S. P. Roome,
" J. C. Cruikshank,	" A. Crane,
" Samuel T. Searle,	" R. J. Vanderbeck.



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Rev. H. E. Nies.	Elder [illegible]
" Albert A. King.	" Wm. E. [illegible]
" J. Le Moyne Lamme.	" [illegible]

Classis of Philadelphia.

[illegible]

Rev. Samuel Strong.	Elder [illegible]
" Francis M. [illegible]	" James [illegible]
" John Hart.	" [illegible]

[illegible]

Rev. Wm. K. Taylor.	Elder [illegible]
" Wm. H. [illegible]	" [illegible]
" Cornelius Schenck.	" [illegible]

Classis of Raritan.

[illegible]

Rev. Chas. E. [illegible]	Elder [illegible]
" [illegible]	" [illegible]
" Chas. E. Long.	" Wm. [illegible]

[illegible]

Rev. [illegible]	Elder [illegible]
" [illegible]	" [illegible]
" [illegible]	" [illegible]

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The following were received in the [illegible] and approved:

To the Particular Synod of [illegible]—[illegible] Rev. E. G. Read. [illegible]

To the Particular Synod of [illegible]—[illegible] Rev. [illegible] C. Suckow. [illegible]

To the Particular Synod of [illegible]—[illegible] Broka[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

None were given.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

An invitation having been given to the Synod to hold the next session at Belleville, N. J., it was

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Belleville on the first Tuesday in May, 1888, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. M. Doolittle.

EDWARD GRIFFIN READ, *President.*
W. B. VOORHEES, *Vice-President.*

MARION T. CONKLIN,
W. H. WILLIAMSON, } *Clerks pro tem.*

A true copy of the original minutes.

CHAS. H. POOL, *Stated Clerk.*



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Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the Reformed Church of Belleville, N. J., on Tuesday, May 1, 1888, at 3 o'clock P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday evening, May 2.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. E. G. Read, who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening, from the Scripture found in the Gospel of Luke, first chapter, the first to the fourth verses inclusive.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen—Ministers, William Manchee, J. Howard Suydam, J. F. Harris.

South Classis of Bergen—Ministers, William Vaughan, William W. Knox. *Elders*, James P. Zabriskie, Jacob Ringle, G. D. Van Reipen, Tunis Vanderveer.

Classis of Monmouth—Ministers, Isaac P. Brokaw, Henry Boggis, D. Charles Preyer. *Elder*, John Wright.

Classis of Newark—Ministers, John A. Davis, Cornelius Schenck, Charles H. Jones. *Elders*, John Duncan, P. P. Van Arsdale, Theodore L. Browe, Joseph H. Shafer.

Classis of New Brunswick—Ministers, Henry D'B. Mulford, James LeFevre. *Elders*, J. S. Bennett, C. H. Andrus, M. D.

Classis of Paramus—Ministers, Anson Dubois, D. D., Peter H. Milliken, Cornelius E. Crispell, D. D. *Elders*, A. C. Holdrum, W. E. Demarest.

Classis of Passaic—Ministers, L. J. Lockwood, Clarence M. Perlee, Theodore A. Beekman. *Elders*, H. V. Doremus, J. G. Sims, A. Benson.

Classis of Philadelphia—Ministers, Theodore W. Welles, William H. Clark; D. D., John Hart, Eugene Hill. *Elders*, John Lefferts, H. H. Walker.

Classis of Raritan—Ministers, George Davis, Joel Loucks, George M. S. Blauvelt, George W. Scarlet. *Elders*, George S. Van Arsdale, S. H. Wortman.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw was elected *President.*

Rev. William H. Clark, D. D. was elected *Vice-President.*

Rev. John Hart and Rev. John A. Davis were elected *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUESTS OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.



Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes—Revs. Theodore Welles, Henry Boggis. *Elder*, James P. Zabriskie.

On Classical Minutes—Revs. Clarence M. Perlee, William Vaughan. *Elder*, G. D. Van Reipen.

On Classical Reports—Revs. Edward G. Read, Cornelius Schenck. *Elder*, Theodore L. Browe.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Revs. J. Howard Suydam, William W. Knox. *Elder*, John Lefferts.

On Nominations—Revs. Anson Du Bois, Joel Loucks. *Elder*, Joseph H. Shafer.

On Treasurer's Report—Revs. J. F. Harris, Charles H. Jones. *Elder*, John Duncan.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

1. An overture from the Classis of Raritan, asking the Synod to add a column in the statistical tables, in which the amounts of contributions by the churches for religious and benevolent purposes other than those which are included in the operations of our own denominational Boards, shall appear. Referred to Committee on Overtures.



2. A petition from the Classis of Philadelphia requesting a division of the Classis into two Classes. Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York and Chicago for 1887, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, and the report was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes have had placed in their hands the minutes of the General Synod for 1887, and the minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for the same year. Your Committee have carefully examined these documents, but find in them nothing requiring any action on the part of this Synod.

Your Committee however would call attention to the fact, that the General Synod adopted the recommendation of the Synod, concerning the reception and dismission of members, and the yearly revision of the Communion Rolls, as contained in Resolutions 1 and 2 on page 58 of our own minutes for 1887.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

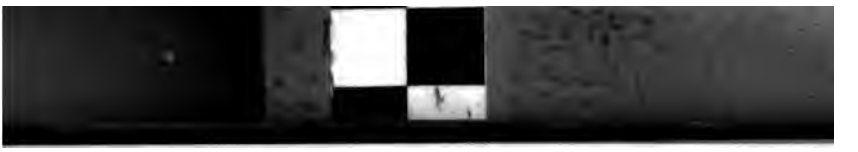
THEO. W. WELLES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee, to whom the reports from the various Classes of this Synod have been referred, would report that we have examined the same and find reason for renewed thanksgiving to God for the blessings which have attended another year's work. While fewer churches than usual report marked revivals or extraordinary occasions during the year, nearly all have enjoyed the evident fulfillment of the promise, "I will be as the dew unto



Israel," and have increased in numbers and graces. The additions on confession of faith have been 1,280, being less than last year by 188; and the additions by certificate have been 859—*i. e.* 71 more than last year. Taking the total of these and subtracting the number of members dismissed, suspended and deceased, the net increase should be 1,006, which is reduced, however, to 319, presumably by revision of church rolls. The total number in communion is reported as 24,762.

The number of our churches remains the same as last year—134. While other denominations occupying the same territory are frequently organizing new churches to meet the religious wants of an increasing population, we have but four churches more than we had five years ago. Is this due to a lack of alertness on our part in observing and improving opportunities to plant new churches? Or is it due to a former excess of denominational enterprise, which multiplied feeble churches in advance of a need of them, so that we should more wisely try to fill our existing churches than to increase their number? In any case it is safe to exhort our ministers and people to be watchful to do missionary work in our cities and larger towns, thus laying the foundations for future churches. The problem of city evangelization has already become the most urgent problem of Domestic Missions in these United States. While the smaller towns and villages of our country are generally over-supplied with churches, vast multitudes in our great cities receive meagre attention from Protestant bodies. And if it be especially true of our own denomination, as some think, that we have been less successful in building up strong and flourishing churches in the cities than in the country, we ought now to direct earnest attention to the work providentially open to us in the cities.

Our ministers have increased by four and now number 156. It is pleasant to note that 137 new families have been added to us during the year; that we have gained five Sunday-schools and 401 scholars, and that the catechumens reported are 10,349, which are 1,573 more than last year. We fear that in the uncertainty which seems to prevail about those who should properly be reckoned catechumens, this reported number is not very reliable. As regards the baptized non-communicants so few churches make any report that the number given in the summary of statistics must prove utterly misleading. In our opinion it would be [redacted] to discontinue the farce of reporting on this subject.



We find recorded 1,448 infant baptisms: a gain of 38 over last year. Of these the Classis of Bergen reports the largest number —357; and next comes the South Classis of Bergen, with 262. The fact that these two Classes were also the banner bearers last year, led your committee to inquire why the great disproportion between these and some other Classes, having about the same church membership exists? We found it due to the large number of baptisms reported by the German churches of these two Classes. Evidently our German people prize the privilege of devoting their children to God in the baptismal covenant. But the figures excite our apprehension that in many of our churches Christian parents are neglecting to secure the baptism of their children, and we think that faithful instruction and appeal from the pulpit on this subject would be timely.

The benevolent contributions of our churches the past year have reached the unprecedented sum of $74,000, a gain of $12,441 over the preceding report. All of our Classes except one have shared in this increase of contributions. But it is only fair to say that more than half the increase is due to the enlarged contributions of the Classis of Newark. Nor have the contributions for congregational purposes meanwhile suffered. They have been $304,122, a gain of $9,215. These large sums represent a Christian generosity and consecration to the Lord's work, for which we should especially be thankful to the Author of all good. We recognize also in them the results of faithful preaching in regard to the duty and privilege of Christian giving, and the results of our Missionary Conferences, and of the warm-hearted efforts put forth by our Christian women. In this connection, we reiterate the injunction of former Synods, that it is the duty of Consistories to arrange for collections in their respective churches in behalf of all the Boards and Funds, thus giving the people who desire to contribute an opportunity to do so. For a Consistory to refuse a collection to any of the Boards or Funds, is to adopt a dog-in-the-manger policy which cannot reasonably be justified. But if all the Consistories would do their duty in this matter, we believe that even larger sums would be contributed to the advancement of the Master's cause.

The Classis of Newark reports the death of Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D., Sept. 4, 1887; the Classis of Passaic, the death of Rev. Isaac S. Demund at Ridgewood, N. J., April 23, 1888.

EDW'D GRIFFIN READ, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report, that they have received the annual statistical report of 15 of the churches of the Classis of Bergen. The reports of two of the churches however were not handed in till after the meeting had opened. It is gratifying to know that the "revised" lists of families and members is being vigorously carried forward, so that we can regard the reported numerical strength of our churches as a reliable quantity. The statistical reports prove that while in the past year there have not been added to the churches on confession of their faith as many as there were last year, yet in matters of religious benevolence it has been one of peculiar prosperity, attesting God's blessing on faithful labor.

The number of churches remains the same, 18.

The statistics, as to communicants, are as follows:

Received on confession, 190; received by certificate, 72; losses by death and removals, 89. Total now in communion, 2,472.

The consecration of the Church is indicated most of all in the *increased benevolence.* Here we have great occasion for thanksgiving. The total contributions are $6,290.76, being an increase of $1,499.25 over last year's reports.

In temporal matters also, the churches have been generally prospered. The total amount contributed for all congregational purposes being, $33,762.17.

The Schraalenburg Church reports a pipe organ secured at the cost of $1,500, and

The First Church of Hackensack tells of a like project on foot for the coming year, with $2,000 already pledged.

The Second Hackensack Church have renovated and enlarged their Chapel at a cost of $1,600.

The Third Hackensack Church have also enlarged their Church building and constructed a new Sunday School annex. This Church has started a mission at Moonachie, which is very promising. Special mention should be made of the fact that Mrs. Mary Feitner has generously donated a Chapel and a large piece of property for the use of the Church at this place.

At New Durham internal improvements in the Church have been made, and Spring Valley tells of extensive repairs and the appreciated services of the stated supplies.

Everything is hopeful at Westwood, where the new pa[redacted] Rev. David M. Talmage has just become settled.



The Park Reformed Church of Jersey City reports, that in view of this being the 20th anniversary of the settlement of their pastor, an effort is being made to clear off all financial obligations.

Many of the churches report increased attendance. Altogether a review of the past year bids us take courage and go forward. It is manifest that the Lord is blessing the labors of his servants.

The following are the ministerial changes in the Classis of Bergen during the past year: Rev. Henry Ward has been received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie and installed pastor of the Church at Closter; Rev. William Manchee has been received from the Classis of Paramus and installed pastor of the First Church of Hoboken; Rev. David M. Talmage has been received from the Classis of Paramus, and installed pastor of the Church of Westwood.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of the Churches would report that two-thirds of our churches send in a record of a year of prosperity marked by Spiritual and material blessings. The other churches hold their own without any great change from last year. There are in truth but eleven churches in our Classis, as two, whose names appear in the tables, have but a legal existence: the First Church of Jersey City and the Third Church of Bayonne. It is with gratification that we mark in the majority of our churches a vigorous life. In our benevolence we have exceeded, by some three hundred dollars, the amount suggested by the Board of Foreign Missions as our share of the one hundred thousand dollars authorized by General Synod to be expended in the work in foreign lands. We call special attention to the individual reports.

The Church of Bergen sends a most inspiring report. Special services were held during February with most blessed results. "Losses by death and removal have been heavy, so that the large gain of communicants does not fully appear in the total of membership." Increase in the congregation and Sabbath School is especially noted. The organization of a band of "King's Daughter's" and also of a "Temperance School" has been effected, and excellent work has been done by both. The whole

report, with the statistics attached, shows that most faithful labor has been followed by the abundant blessing of God.

The First Church of Jersey City merely retains a legal organization. Its Church property remains unsold.

The First Church of Bayonne would record that "The Church was never more united, never more generous in gifts, never more active and aggressive than at present." All obligations have been met, there is a surplus of over five hundred dollars in the treasury, and a valuable lot has been acquired for the extension of Church and Sabbath School rooms. Plans are being drafted, while some eight hundred dollars for building are in hand. Increased attendance on Sabbath services, and an advance in benevolent contributions are noted.

The Second Church of Jersey City keeps about the same position as at the last report. "The changes and removals in the lower part of Jersey City are not favorable to the growth of our Protestant churches. Our ranks have been thinned by death to an unusual degree, and we have induced many non-resident members to take letters of dismission. Yet we have held our own in the number of communicants."

The Church of Bergen Point sends merely a table of statistics, which shows that the church holds about the same position as last year, doing a good work against many adverse influences. The large amount given to benevolence shows the value of pressing *individual* responsibility upon our membership.

The Second Church of Hudson City gives a report filled with gratitude for a year of prosperity. God's Word has been faithfully preached. "The Church building has been renovated at an expense of over seven hundred dollars, all of which has been paid." There is no blank in the reports of gifts to the Boards, for the first time in the Church's history.

The Lafayette Church of Jersey City completes, this month, the twenty-fifth year of its existence. For the first time its communicants' list has been revised so that there is an apparent decrease in that column; but the year has been a prosperous one, and the increase of benevolent gifts, and the growth of the congregation and Sunday School in consecration are brought forward as special features of this prosperity.

The Greenville Church of Jersey City sends a report filled with good things. "God has poured out a rich blessing," and the result is seen in an addition of sixty communicants, thirty-five of



whom were received on confession. "The Sabbath School has proved a nursery to the Church," and various organizations among the young people and among the women of the Church, have exerted a most gracious influence. It is very evident that pastor and people are working together with zeal and faith for the growth of Christ's Kingdom, and that God's blessing is cheering them greatly.

The Free Church of Jersey City sends the same report as last year, with only a slight change in one or two columns. The pastor, but lately installed, has started out vigorously by organizing prayer meetings and by endeavoring to secure a larger attendance at the preaching services.

The Third Church of Bayonne is evidently in a transition state. The Church building at Bergen Point has been sold, but there is an expressed intention to build a new church in Centerville, or near it, as the larger of the two Sunday Schools connected with the Church is reported from the latter place. The people have been guided and helped in various ways during the year by the counsels and labors of the pastor of St. John's German Evangelical Church of Bergen.

The South Bergen Church reports a year marked by constant life. The prayer meetings are vigorously maintained, "a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is in good working order, the Sabbath School is in excellent condition." More room is needed, as the congregations and the school fill the present building. "Current expenses have been met and one thousand dollars paid on the church debt."

The First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City simply sends a statistical report, which shows a slight increase in communicants and in benevolent contributions.

St. John's German Evangelical Church of Bergen tells of a growing work and a parsonage built for its pastor. Its list has been revised, but the communicants remain the same as last year.

Ministerial Changes.—The candidate, William P. Bruce, was received on certificate from the Presbytery of New York, and examined for ordination on May 19, 1887. On June 12, 1887, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Greenville Church, Jersey City. The Rev. Henry Mattice was dismissed to the Classis of Westchester, July 27, 1887, after Classis had dissolved the relation between him and the Free Church of Jersey City.



The Rev. Albert A. Zabriskie was received from the Classis of Ulster, and installed as pastor of the Free Church of Jersey City, Nov. 28, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RANKIN DURYEE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Our report begins as did that of your Committee last year with a complaint of pastors and consistories for neglecting the "ten days" rule. The brethren should remember that "Blue Monday" is no time to work np a cheerful survey of affairs in the Reformed Church, where optimism is so much needed. We commend to our fellow-pastors a series of sermons on the "Minor Moralities," and would suggest "Punctuality" as a good one to practice on before they attempt to preach it.

As this report is intended for the information of the higher judicatures, as well as ourselves, we will give a summary statement of the "remarks" appended by consistories.

First Freehold.—"Lost the services of its able pastor Dec. 1st, last. Worship, however, on Sabbath and week days has been well attended. Benevolence remains about at the figures of last year, which was, however, a decrease from the average of the five years preceding. The debt of the Church has been reduced $150. One item of special interest is the large addition on confession at the pastor's farewell communion—16; 7 of them being the entire class taught by Mrs. Wells."

Holmdel.—"Has had for it a new experience: a change of pastors. After nearly half a century of service Dr. Reiley retired. The blessing of God has rested upon the labors of the new pastor. Since the Week of Prayer the presence of the Spirit has been very manifest and twenty-four have already united with the church. Herein is the saying true, "one soweth and another reapeth." It is also true "that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." A young people's meeting is in successful operation; the number of praying men has greatly increased. All the obligations of the church have been met, including the testimonial of $1,000 to the emeritus pastor."

Spotswood.—"Reports no debt, the financial condition of the Church satisfactory, and the Spirit present in conversions."

Middletown.—"Speaks of a decreasing financial ability in which the Church has held its own and a little more."



Second Freehold.—"Has been encouraged by good accessions, in blessings upon the more earnest efforts of the people and by the growth of benevolent offerings, notwithstanding large expenditures upon church property."

Long Branch.—"Is known to have the services of a thoroughly live pastor. Notices from time to time in the press have been most satisfactory, but at this writing 'official information from the front' is wanting."

Keyport.—"Testifies to indications which are in the main good, and in some respects very gratifying, notwithstanding the severe loss of valued members by death. One of these hopeful indications is the largely increased attendance upon Church-services."

Colts Neck.—"Is not discouraged by a slight decrease in membership through deaths and removals, and of contributions as compared with previous years."

Highlands.—"Is not materially stronger but its report is certainly encouraging. Its services are better attended. The gratifying accession of six upon confession has been received. Two new class-rooms have been built at the pastor's expense. We congratulate the Church upon such a pastor."

Asbury Park.—"Accompanies its statistical table with no remarks. We observe an increase in the number of families reported, an accession of twenty-three members against a loss of only two, and larger contributions for Church support than last year."

A survey of these reports makes manifest a slight advance all along the line. Families—a few more; accessions upon confession many more, for which God be thanked; dismissals and deaths fewer, therefore, a total gain in numbers; Sunday School enrollment a little larger in most of the Churches; benevolence an increase, with one or two exceptions, the figures standing $1,637.74 last year, against $1,884.82 this; Church support last year, $10,201.56, against $16,363.39 this. The venerable, if not highly stale phrase, "holding our own" seems therefore in order. Let us be thankful for that in a community where the changes are so many and as a rule so unfavorable to our denomination. For the presence of God's Spirit in our churches we have reason for unalloyed gladness. May His blessing be richer in the year to come.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

For the first time in the history of this Classis a minister has been



suspended from his sacred office—Rev. E. Cornet. Dec. 1st, Rev. T. W. Wells, long time our efficient stated clerk, severed his connection with the Brick Church, after fourteen years of service. Oct. 5, 1887, Rev. A. Hageman was installed pastor at Holmdel, and Nov. 9, Rev. James B. Campbell at Long Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. BROKAW, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Your Committee feels deeply the false position in which his brethren have placed him, requesting him to present a report to this Classis, yet withholding from him the proper material out of which such a report could be made. None of the consistorial reports came in due season. The earliest from the East Church, April 3d, and one the day following; three on the 5th, three on the 6th, one on the 7th, and one on the 9th. Belleville sent no report at all; Linden no report; Orange no report. Many of the reports are so incomplete, giving no statement of either contributions to the Boards of the Church, or what was given for congregational purposes; others no report as to number in Sabbath Schools, that your committee cannot furnish anything that this Classis would be willing to have regarded as the true position of the individual Churches, or as representing the Classis of Newark. The members of Classis must, therefore, feel that the incompleteness of the report is due to their own negligence, or to their Pharoah-like demands that their committee shall complete the tale of Bricks without Mortar or Straw. This has been an old evil, but one that ought to be remedied at once if we would hold the good name of our Churches sacred and give a truthful presentation of our numerical, financial and spiritual status as a Classis. From the reports that have come to us it is, however, a source of gladness to find such cheering and hopeful intelligence as to the work of the year. None are at all *despondent*, but the great body of the consistorial records show a very decided healthful growth in all the Churches. While none report what might be termed "Revivals," or special Evangelistic services, yet, there is evident a warm, healthful show of devotion marked by fair accessions from the Sabbath Schools and from the congregations to the roll of communicants. The statistics are as follows:

Families reported last year.....	1,790
Families reported this year.....	1,691

Received on confession last year	268	
Received on confession this year	152	
A decrease of 116.		
To be increased by non-reporting Churches.		
Received by letter last year	153	
Received by letter this year	133	
Loss, 20.		
Dismissals last year	112	
Dismissals this year	93	
Suspended last year	0	
Suspended this year	3	
Died last year	47	
Died this year	48	
Total number of communicants last year	3,550	
Total number of communicants this year	3,344	
A decrease of 206.		
Baptisms last year, Infants	163	
Baptisims last year, Adults	80	
		243
Baptisms this year, Infants	114	
Baptisms this year, Adults	21	
		135
Number of Sunday Schools last year	18	
Number of Sunday Schools this year	17	
Total enrollment in Sunday School last year	4,446	
This year we report	4,479	
An increase of 33.		

The tables of contributions to the Boards of the Church under the head of Religious and Benevolent objects, show that we gave last year the sum of $15,987.41, while this year it reaches the much larger sum of $22,889.54, an increase of $6,902.13, which indicates a healthful spirit of consecration of means to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a year of special calls for financial aid: Missionaries from Foreign fields, Dr. Chamberlain's call for money to endow his Theological Seminary in India, Rev. William Booth to build his new institutions at Yokahama, Japan, returned to their fields with hearts

full of joy in having secured even *more* than was at first asked by them, and were strengthened by the assurances that an earnest presentation of the needs of the foreign field had not been made in vain. Your committee is not unmindful of the present condition of the "Board of Foreign Missions" and its heavy debt; but by a new arrangement in which our churches will be called upon to respond again before the meeting of our General Synod in June, it is hoped that the debt will be immediately reduced, if not cancelled; and if the new movement had been started earlier no doubt this Classis would have reported a much greater increase in benevolence than the increase we are so glad to record. It is a healthful sign of spiritual interest in our churches that they respond to God's goodness in thus upholding the agencies instituted in extending our Lord's Kingdom.

Under the head of Money raised for Congregational purposes, we gave last year $56,156.41, and this year we report for these purposes the sum of $56,446.60: an increase of $290.19.

Seggregating from the statements given along with the statistical returns we would present a summary of the work of the churches during the year as follows:

1. *Belleville.*—"We have had a good year: all the machinery of our church is at work, and is proving itself efficient. The most encouraging phase of our mission work is a thriving little Sunday School at South Rutherford, under the care of one of our elders. We thank God and take courage in view of what His grace has enabled us to do in His name."

2. *First Church, Newark.*—"Reports fifty-two accessions to the church, twenty-two on profession, and thirty by letter; no special religious interest; increased rental of pews; the removal of debt by city assessment of $1,000; the completion by the ladies of the new stained glass windows; new organ and piano for Sabbath School, and the first anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the increased interest in both Foreign and Domestic Missions. The pastor was presented with $450 from the consistory above his salary, as a token of gratitude to God for the harmony and prosperity of the church."

3. *Irvington.*—"Reports growth and increasing prosperity, and a greater number reached than ever before by the regular church services. The Sunday School contributing the larger part of accessions to the church on confession."

4. *Second Church, Newark.*—"Reports the completi[redacted]

new chapel, and the happy result of its being already taxed to its utmost capacity on Sabbath evenings. Increased spiritual interest, many young men becoming identified with the Sunday School, prayer meeting and church, and strangers never reached before are attending the means of grace. Some are inquiring the way of salvation."

Franklin.—"Furnishes no report, only statistics, and no statement as to contributions. Your committee hopes to hear verbally from this church."

North Newark.—"Presents a gratifying and interesting report of successful work. The Sabbath Schools are efficiently managed. The mission in Belleville is continued, proving an excellent training school, and the Ladies' Association has started an Industrial School. Missionary collections district visitor, a young ladies' mission band, and an efficient Bible woman are among the agencies employed to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom. At every communion service some were ready to come forward and profess their faith in the Saviour."

West Newark.—"Is still prosperous and hopeful. The services are attended very satisfactorily. The Sunday School is well cared for, and unity and peace prevail."

Clinton Avevue, Newark.—"Says the general condition of the church and congregation has been better than in the previous year. The addition to church fellowship has been larger. The weekly meetings for prayer and praise have been well sustained, and those of the Young People's Union have been marked by increase of numbers and spiritual benefits, while the benevolent contributions have been the largest ever reported by us. This latter fact is due to the offering for the endowment of the Theological Seminary in India, and to the new plan of systematic benificence lately set in operation."

Trinity, Newark.—"Reports large and increasing attendance at church, a goodly number added to the communion on confession, and continued evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit."

Linden.—"Sends only a statistical table."

Christ Church, Woodside.—"Can state no phenomenal growth, but a strong and steady advance all along the lines. Congregation steadily increasing, and but one pew remains to meet the demand for seats from several new families. Have built a

beautiful parsonage, costing $4,200, and procured a large pipe organ for the church, pulpit chairs and other finishings."

Stone House Plains.—"Solicits the prayers of the brethren and invokes the grace of our Lord Jesus to be upon the Classis."

Trinity, Plainfield.—"Reports a reduction of debt to the amount of $4,000, and the improvement of church property, good congregations and a healthful state of piety and spirituality."

Orange.—Says: "The church is growing in interest and influence in the community, and prospering continually."

German Church, Plainfield.—"With gratitude to the great Head of the church, mentions the dedication of their new house of worship on Feb. 12th, and on the 15th the installation of their pastor. The church is greatly prospered and feel equipped to do greater and better work for the Master. A new Sunday School has been organized.

Such, brethren, seems to be the present status of our churches as gleaned from the reports furnished your committee. But all are united in the fervent prayer for a more rich display of the awakening power of the Holy spirit and a more universal consecration to the blessed service of our Redeemer. Remembering that we are under the dispensation of the Spirit, and that a withdrawal of His presence and power means coldness, barrenness and death, we should supplicate earnestly that He would revive His work in all our hearts mightily; then would Zion travail and bring forth sons and daughters. We commend also that a faithful presentation of the Abrahamic covenant be, from time to time, held up and a larger increase of infant baptisms secured, and the children of believing parents early consecrated to Christ. Aggressive piety is the price of our existence as a church. Consecrated talents, means and powers alone can secure for us greater honor from Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand, and walks amid the seven golden candle-sticks. We cannot in this sharp, keen competitive age fall back upon our grand historic past, nor our order of ritual and liturgical service; we need, and must have in all our churches a holier fervor, a burning zeal, a heaven-born enthusiasm, to advance the Kingdom of our Lord and of Jesus Christ. We must grow and gain new positions for churches, as well as strengthen what we already hold.

Why may we not during this session, and before we return home to our churches, receive such a blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost, that the year to come shall be a year of the right-hand of

the Most High, and surpass in spiritual fruitage all the preceding generations? Are we not consciously in need of this in all our churches—in our Sunday Schools and social worship—a more glorious manifestation of Him who is the Chief Executive of the Godhead—the third person of the Trinity—the Holy Ghost? We hear the words of our ascended Lord: let us tarry at the mercy seat during this, our holy convocation, until they are verified in our own blessed experience—"Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The licentiate Livingston L. Taylor was dismissed May 27th, to the Classis of Orange.

June 10th, the Rev. Cornelius Schenck was received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and installed as pastor of Trinity Church, Plainfield, June 30, 1887.

The death of the Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D., occurred Sept. 4, 1887.

The Rev. Frederick Koechli was installed pastor of the German Church of Plainfield, Jan. 17, 1888.

The East Reformed Church, of Newark, having taken the necessary legal measures to change its corporate name, is henceforth to be known as "Trinity Reformed Church, of Newark."

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. EASTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the Classical Report to Synod of the state of religion in the churches of the New Brunswick Classis, report as follows:

The returns from the churches have come in so slowly that we are unable to make an elaborate examination or comparison. We are happy to report that there have been more accessions to our churches than there were last year, both on confession and certificate. May the Holy Spirit bless the ministrations of his servants much more abundantly in the future! The contributions for benevolence have also increased. Here is one of the most practical tests of religion, and the Classis does not fail in this regard.

While in the reports this year there is hardly cause for great

and positive joy, still we are very grateful to God for his faithful mercies. To the noble motto of the Prince of Orange, "I will maintain," should be added another resolve: "We will advance!" We need a missionary spirit for our own fields. The new occupants of many places may not be of our ancestral stock but they have very needy souls. Let us seek out the godless and the unattractive souls and bring to them the beauty of the gospel.

The summarized statements of the churches are as follows:

The First Church of New Brunswick sends a gratifying report. The eldership is faithful, the prayer meetings are well sustained, and the young are being trained to work. The work of Grace has been steady. The stream of benevolence has increased and the church is well organized. "We seem to lack nothing in equipment for doing the Lord's work, except a realizing sense of our want of faith in the Holy Spirit."

Six-Mile Run is in sadness over the few conversions of souls. The old method of catechization is still adhered to, although it has long ceased to be efficient. The development of the membership in Christian duty goes on slowly but surely. A commendable loyalty to denominational work is on the increase.

Hillsborough reports an average year in the maintenance of the usual features of church life and in results attained. "Harmony and good-fellowship prevail on every side. We pray for a continuance of the Divine favor, and increasing liberality for the advance of the Kingdom, and greater usefulness of all the members of the church."

Middlebush deserves high praise for having so nearly "done what she could." She comes with the largest proportion of conversions and also with large gifts tinged with sacrifice. A pillar of the church, Elder Jacob Wyckoff, has been removed to his place in the upper temple.

Griggstown also comes with a good report and calls it "nothing special." "No communion season has passed without at least one witness for Christ. The accessions by confession have been almost entirely from the young people and there is reason to believe that others of the young are considering the all-important question."

The Second Church of New Brunswick not only does not deteriorate from her own high standard but records a distinct advance. Many needed improvements have been made to the church property and to the pastor's salary. A generous member

has offered $5,000 toward a parish house to contain all necessary accommodations for church work.

Bound Brook.—No report.

Third Church of New Brunswick.—No report.

East Millstone reports business stagnation in the village and consequent losses to the church in men and gifts. Nevertheless, the church has supported itself better than it has in the past. The Sabbath School is in a good, healthful condition and the ladies have formed a society auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Domestic Missions.

Metuchen has welcomed a new pastor, and seems to respond heartily to his efforts. The rolls have been revised and there is a vigorous band of workers in the church.

Suydam Street, New Brunswick, says "The church services have been well attended, and the interest of old and young is sustained. The cause of Missions has received an increasing interest. The Sabbath School is better equipped than ever and it increases in interest and numbers."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

On May 20th, 1887, John A. Thompson, Evert G. Beyer and Peter S. Beekman, were licensed to preach the gospel. On the same date, the pastoral relation between the church of Metuchen and Rev. James Cruikshanks was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Geneva, N. Y. The licentiate, John A. Thompson, was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery; Peter S. Beekman to the Classis of Poughkeepsie; and Evert G. Beyer was dismissed to the Presbytery of Dubuque, on March 16th, 1888.

On Sept. 14th, 1887, a call from the Church of Metuchen was approved on Rev. Garret Wyckoff, and he was received from the Classis of Montgomery, and on Oct. 18th, 1887, installed as pastor of the Church of Metuchen.

On Oct. 18th, 1887, Rev. William B. Chamberlain was dismissed to the Classis of Arcot, India.

HENRY D'B. MULFORD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Acquackanock rejoices in "Grace, mercy and peace from God." A good opening word for all our churches, and reports an accession of forty-five members, thirty-nine on confession, the largest number received during the year in any of our churches.

Broadway, Paterson, reports: "Everything moves on prosperously. Substantial growth everywhere."

Centerville.—"The year has been one of consolidation rather than growth. The Sabbath School continues active and useful. Benevolent contributions large for so small a membership."

Clarkstown, (vacant), reports an addition of thirteen members, and a fair increase in benevolence over last year.

First Holland, Paterson.—"Peace and harmony, Word and sacraments uninterrupted; attendance good."

Holland, Lodi.—"The Lord has been with us, and blessed us, and has been working among us through the Holy Ghost." The large deficit in the pastor's salary reported from this church ought speedily to be made up.

Holland, Passaic. "We have a fair attendance at all our public services. The accessions reported are thirty-one, of which number twenty-six are by letter. Rev. J. M. Rutte has been their supply since pastor Warnshuis left.

Holland, Wortendyke—Reports a "flourishing condition;" "attendance very regular;" "Sunday School improving."

North Passaic.—Growth during the year has been marked by a gracious in-gathering of members, and a large increase in benevolent gifts.

Nyack.—A year of healthy development of church life. Attendance on church and Sabbath School increasing, and the Society of Christian Endeavor doing a good work. Church debt almost removed, and a more desirable parsonage leased. The apparent diminution of benevolence is due to omission of individual gifts from the regular church channels. The gifts of the congregation are in excess of former years.

Paramus.—"Attendance on the ordinances good, and evidences of Spiritual interest." The loss of the parsonage, burnt by fire, and other expenses have made unusual drafts on the liberality of the people, which have been met generously.

Pascack—Reports "temporal prosperity, well attended church services, a flourishing Sabbath School, and Christians being built up in their most holy faith."

Piermont.—"A year of steady progress in every line of church growth." Renovation of church building; a new pipe organ, an increased attendance; the Sabbath School flourishing, and the young people banded in active work in a society of Christian Endeavor. "God is certainly blessing us."

Ramapo.—"Our additions are not the result of extra meetings, but by the blessing of God on the usual means of grace. Our attendance on church and Sabbath School has been reduced by bad weather and bad roads, and this affected also the meetings during the Week of Prayer and afterwards. Yet we have evidence of the Lord's presence and are not discouraged."

Ramseys—Mourns the "want of preaching, and of a pastor to look after the lost and straying ones." They profess inability to meet their indebtedness to a former pastor, and ask help from Classis, and then think they "could commence anew."

Ridgewood—Reports "excellent attendance; progressive spirit in things material and an increase of families; evidence of prosperity: we can claim it. But we mourn that only *one* has professed Christ we hoped and prayed for many. But the Word has been attentively listened to." This church has this year adopted a system of monthly collections, and hopes for improvement in the "grace of giving."

Saddle River—Reports a year of steady and quiet Christian labor and enjoyment: no improper conduct requiring dicipline; and a few received into the communion of the church.

Second Lodi—Cannot report the church in any better condition, spiritually, than a year ago, having been without a pastor the greater part of the past year. They are hoping now soon to have their pastor, whom they called last year, settled among them, and that a good work will then be done.

Second Totawa.—"The church has acquired Spiritual strength and knowledge while holding forth the Word of Life to others." The debt has been removed and improvements made, and pastor and people are preparing for full spiritual activities, hoping for a glorious harvest in the Master's cause.

Spring Valley.—"The average attendance on public worship has increased. The Sabbath School has prospered in doing its work well, and the Woman's Christian Association has continued to do good work. We would thank Him who has favored us, and go forward with confidence."

The report refers, at some length, to a petition addressed to consistory, to substitute "unfermented fruit of the vine" for "wine, grape juice fermented," as hitherto used by this church in celebrating the Lord's Supper. Consistory has declined to take steps toward this change, and believe their action in this regard Scriptural, in accord with our doctrinal standards, and best

adapted to prevent serious discords in their church. They deprecate measures which shall require the pastor either to act contrary to his conscientious convictions, or to seek a release from his pastoral obligations, and hope that the few members who differ from them will submit to this decision, and not violate the law of Christian love, by attempting, through Classis, to force either of these alternatives.

Tappan.—"There has been a noticeable increase of the spirit of unity and of coöperation, and increase of benevolence. We close the year without any debt."

Warwick.—The present pastorate began with last August, but the incoming pastor "found everything in working and praising order." At the opening of this year special services, conducted for more than two weeks by Rev. Dr. Barr, led many into the way of life. "On March 4th, 26 were received on confession, and 11 by certificate: a much larger number than ever before, at one time." "A Young People's Union" has been organized, which holds weekly prayer meetings. "The collections are larger than ever before." The $500 income from invested funds is no longer reported.

West New Hempstead.—Services well attended. Sabbath School open from May to November, largely attended, and three of its scholars have professed faith in Christ. In August the church lost by death one of its oldest members, "Mr. Aaron Blauvelt, for 48 years a true, faithful and energetic member and officer of the church. He always had the interest of the church at heart, worked energetically and prayed fervently for its success. May the Lord send others to fill his vacant place."

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The Rev. J. Russell Ver Brycke was received from the Classis of Passaic, April 20, 1887, and was installed pastor of the church of Piermont, June 15, 1887.

The Rev. Jacobus Diephius was received from the Christian Reformed Church of Holland, April 20, 1887, and was installed pastor of the Holland Church of Wortendyke, May 6, 1887.

The candidate, Peter Crispell, was received from the Classis of Kingston, June 20, 1887, and was ordained to the Gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the Church of Warwick, Aug. 3, 1887.

The pastoral relation between the Holland Church of Passaic and the Rev. J. W. Warnshius was dissolved, June 20, 1887, and he was dismissed to the Classis of New York.

The pastoral relation between the Second Church of Lodi and the Rev. William Manchee was dissolved Aug. 3, 1887, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

The pastoral relation between the Church of Clarkstown and the Rev. D. M. Talmage was dissolved March 19, 1888, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully present to the Classis their report:

First let the facts presented in the Consistorial Report be heard.

Boardville—Reports preaching every other Sabbath during the year and a series of extra meetings which led a number to confess their love for Christ. Five of these united with the Church, others going to different denominations.

Boonton.—"Owing to the fact that the church has been without a pastor during the greater part of the year, it has suffered somewhat from decreased attendance on the Sabbath services and lack of interest on the part of some of the members; but since the present pastor commenced his labors the services have been better attended, the interest in the Sabbath School and prayer meeting has grown. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is working earnestly. The ladies have organized an Aid Society."

Fairfield.—"The year just closed has been one in which we have by the blessing of God progressed. We have to be thankful for the manifestation of the Spirit, and bringing some to the fold of the Master. We have been enabled to improve our church to some extent, which has been accomplished without getting into debt—for which we are thankful."

Franklin Furnace.—"We have many reasons for encouragement in the belief that our work has not been in vain. This church has sustained and advanced her record in some respects. In interest in all church work and in benefactions she is doing better than in the former year; but in that most essential feature, 'growth,' her condition is depressing. The question of the greatest moment forces itself upon us: Is the Spirit of God among us or not? Our prayer is, that the future may give sign of greater promise."

Little Falls—Reports a pleasant and prosperous year and an increase in liberality and spirituality. A goodly number have been

added to the membership of the church by God's blessing upon the ordinary means of grace. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed and is doing excellent work. Over two hundred dollars have been spent in refurnishing the parlors of the parsonage.

Montville.—"This has been with us a year of quiet progress. The stormy Sabbaths of the last four months have greatly effected the attendance at church service, and this has cut down our benevolent contributions. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition. We have joined with our prayer meeting the study of the Sabbath School lesson, and it has added to the interest. The exterior of the church has been newly painted."

Sixth Paterson—Reports that they are well satisfied with their new pastor, and that they have peace and harmony.

Pompton Plains—Sends simply statistics.

Pompton.—"The year has been one of unusual prosperity at Pompton. The congregations have been steadily growing; all the benevolent collections are larger. Our chapel has been completed and about paid for. Five weekly prayer meetings are now sustained. There is unity and a goodly feeling among the members, and the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. Collections have been taken for all benevolent purposes. Thirty-one have been added."

Preakness.—"The church is in a prosperous condition; prayer meeting increasing in attendance and interest; a large Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed by the young people, and in many ways the Spirit's presence is manifested in the work."

Riverside, Paterson.—"This church, about one year old, has enjoyed a year of prosperity; the membership has nearly doubled; the congregations have more than doubled, and the families have increased from twenty to fifty. Our Sunday School is large and increasing at such a rate that the question of accommodation will soon be a serious one. A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized during the year and have greatly changed for the better the interior of the church, increased the seating capacity, papered the wall and painted the woodwork, at a cost of $354.50, all of which is provided for. 'The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.'"

First Totowa.—"The church has had a good year. The ordinances of the gospel have been well attended, and at every communion some have been received on confession or by letter.

We have lost by death some of our most faithful ones, and by removal one of our elders with his family. The church has contributed more for its expenses than in any former year of the present pastorate. It has also done well in its contributions to benevolent purposes."

Union Reformed—Sends statistics with "no special remarks."

Wyckoff.—"The Word has been preached and catechetical instruction has been imparted in the Sunday School. The church is now vacant for the first time in a period of nearly 19 years. The hope is expressed that the vacancy may soon be filled and that God's blessing may rest upon the church and people."

Ponds.—"A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized and has given new life and interest to the prayer meeting. The church is now without a pastor."

To summarize: The reports show that the work of the Master has been faithfully carried on in our churches during the year, and we have reason to rejoice in the rich blessings that have come to us in return for this faithfulness.

Number of families reported this year, 1,514; last year, 1,417; a gain of 97.

Received on confession this year, 148; last year, 80; a gain of 68.

Received on certificate this year, 137; last year, 49; a gain of 88.

Number of communicants this year, 2,386; last year, 2,195; a gain of 199.

Sabbath Schools this year, 22: last year, 23; loss of 1.

Sabbath School scholars this year, 2,682; last year, 2,834; loss of 152.

Benevolence this year, $2,450.62; last year, $2,436.79; increase of $13.83.

Congregational purposes this year, $23,415.88; last year, $22,385.11; increase, $1,030.77.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

On April 26, 1887, Rev. L. J. Lockwood was received into the Classis by letter from the Presbytery of North River, and on June 7 installed as pastor of the Fairfield Church.

On July 12, 1887, the Rev. E. Van Hetloo was received by letter from the Reformed Church of Holland, and on August 3 installed as pastor of the Sixth Paterson Church (Holland).

On January 23, 1888, the Rev. C. M. Perlee was received by letter from the Classis of Schoharie, and on February 14 installed pastor of the Church of Boonton.

On March 5, 1888, the pastoral connection between the Rev. S. T. Searle and the Church of Wyckoff was dissolved and he was dismissed to the Classis of Kingston.

On the same date, March 5, the pastoral connection between Rev. William E. Bogardus and the Church of Ponds was dissolved and he dismissed to the Presbytery of North River.

J. O. VAN FLEET, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Through the failure of some of the churches to forward their consistorial reports in time, your Committee on the State of Religion is unable to present a full account of the condition of the churches within the bounds of the Classis, or to compare the results of the past year with those of years preceding. From the reports sent in, the following statements are gathered:

North and South Hampton.—"Losses by death or removal exceed our gains. At every communion, however, some have sought admission to the church. We are glad to note that with some, Christian benevolence has increased."

Harlingen.—"Our services have been well attended, and the year's work has been encouraging."

Neshanic—Reports a "good interest in all church work; some accessions evidence the presence of the Holy Spirit; four prayer meetings are maintained, two throughout the year; increased benevolence."

First Philadelphia.—The Church being without a pastor, sends but a statistical table.

Second Philadelphia.—"We have enjoyed unbroken peace, and continued prosperity. All the Benevolent Boards and funds of the church have received generous contributions."

Fourth Philadelphia.—This church, under the ministration of its new pastor, the Rev. Theodore W. Welles, is enjoying marked prosperity. The outlook is cheering and encouraging.

Blawenburgh.—This church mourns the loss of Elder C. T. Voorhees, who had been identified with the church from its foundation—a period of more than fifty years. The spirit of peace and unity prevails, and the contributions for benevolent objects exceed those of last year.

Stanton.—This church reports "joy, thanksgiving and blessing." Under their new pastor the work of the Lord is being carried on with energy and success. The Ladies' Missionary Association, through its visitors, endeavors to secure an offering from every member of the congregation. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition, and some souls have been brought to Christ.

Clover Hill—Reports the presence of harmony among the people, services well attended, good interest in prayer meeting, a "willing mind," but diminished resources for benevolence.

Third Philadelphia—Sends a statistical table, with the remark that regular supplies are provided for the pulpit of this church.

Rocky Hill.—Peace and harmony prevail. The contributions of the church have been larger than for some years previously.

Fifth Philadelphia.—"The Lord is with us, and from time to time is adding to our numbers." The services are well attended, and the church is harmonious and active in the work of the Lord.

Addisville.—Without pastor, sends only statistical table.

Three Bridges.—The church is in a prosperous condition, both financially and spiritually. Notwithstanding losses by death and removal, an increase of ten members is reported.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

The following changes have occurred during the year:

The pastoral relation between the Rev. William R. Taylor and the First Church of Philadelphia was dissolved ——— ———, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of ———————,

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Cornelius Schenck and the Fourth Church of Philadelphia was dissolved ——— ———, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Newark.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. E. Birdsall, and the Church of Addisville was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

The Rev. Theodore W. Welles was received from the Classis of Monmouth and installed pastor of the Fourth Church of Philadelphia, ——, 1887.

The Rev. Adrian Westveer was received from the Classis of Orange and installed pastor of the Church of Stanton, ——, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. CLARK, *Chairman.*



CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to say that they have examined the reports of the churches of the Classis, with the following results: A comparison of these reports with those of last year in general shows a smaller accession to the churches on confession of faith; while in contributions for both benevolent and congregational purposes there is a marked increase.

First Raritan—Reports a year of harmony and comparative activity; no large accession, but some are ready to come. An unusually large number removed by death, including some of the most helpful. Sabbath School and prayer meetings well sustained. A debt of $6,000, nearly all removed, one-third of it coming from the young people. "Hymns of the Church" have been introduced in church worship, a fire-proof safe procured for the records of the church, and the roll of membership revised. A slight increase in benevolent contributions.

Readington—Speaks of causes for joy and grief. Good accessions to the membership of the church, but this has been more than offset by removals and death. The losses by death are those who have been long and closely identified with the church's life and work. In temporal affairs there has been progress. Two new furnaces have been put in the church. A Domestic Missionary branch to the Auxiliary to the Foreign Board has been organized by the ladies.

At *Bedminster* contributions are in advance of last year. church services maintained and fairly attended. Ladies' Missionary Society in existence for fifteen years, still vigorous. A few repairs made and paid for. A healthy growth in piety.

Lebanon—Reports means of grace all used. No neglect to improve opportunities; and yet so far as can be seen results not as encouraging as desired. Church services well attended. Organized effort in the interest of missions.

Rockaway—Rejoices in progress in all that constitutes church growth. Money more easily obtained for current expenses and substantial improvements. More pews rented. Church newly roofed and in the interior painted and decorated at an expense of $1,100. Benevolent contributions larger. A Young People's Christian Endeavor Society organized with good results. One young man preparing for the ministry.

North Branch—Records the goodness of God. Four losses by

death of those who could not well be spared. Accessions to membership larger than usual. Number of families and ability of the church about the same as last year. The condition of the Sabbath Schools, gratifying. Attendance on public means of grace, good. No debt. Well organized for beneficent operations.

Second Raritan—Reports harmony and activity. Attendance on Sunday services good. Accessions not as large as last year, yet conversions and growth in grace and liberality. Contributions for both benevolent and congregational purposes slightly increased. No debt, and over $1,100 on hand for a new church. Increase in numbers in Sabbath School. Interior of church renovated and repaired.

Peapack – Has nothing of an extraordinary character to report. The year marked by interest in religion throughout the congregation. Attendance on church services good, and prayer meeting better sustained than usual. Quite a large number of dismissions. Financially there is progress, $400 paid on debt, and balance due on incidental account for the past year to be raised in the near future.

Branchville is grateful for the goodness of God. Harmony prevails. Church services well attended. A quickening and conversion of souls, others seeking. A net gain of twelve in membership. An increase in benevolence over last year. A new roof on the church. No debt, and about $115 on hand for church repairs.

Third Raritan.—Statistical report only.

Easton—While greatly disheartened over prospects in a community where environments are so unfavorable to prosperity yet rejoices in the evidence of Divine blessing. Twelve received on confession of faith. An interest among the young as manifested in the organization of a Young People's Christian Union, the meetings of which are largely attended.

Pottersville—Brings intelligence of peace and harmony. Church services well attended and appreciated. The Holy Spirit poured out; nine conversions and others seriously seeking. Financially "doing as well as we can." Debt being reduced. Benevolent contributions larger than last year; the giving cheerful.

High Bridge—Speaks of church services regularly maintained. A Ladies' Aid Society and a Ladies' Missionary Society doing



good work. Many precious evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Harmony, and hopes for better work.

Annandale.—Statistical report only.

Fourth Raritan.—Statistical report only.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. William J. Henderson was installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Annandale, April 27, 1887.

Rev. Geo. Davis was received from the Classis of Philadelphia and ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Peapack, June 30, 1887.

Rev. A. N. Wyckoff was received from the Presbytery of New Orleans, and became a member of Classis, April 10, 1888.

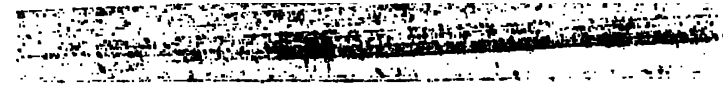
Rev. Charles H. Pool, having been appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, his pastoral relation with the Third Reformed Church of Raritan was dissolved, Dec. 1, 1887.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt and the Reformed Church of Easton, Penna., was dissolved April 10, 1888.

A call on Rev. William H. DeHart, by the Third Church at Raritan to become its pastor, was approved by Classis, and placed in his hands, April 10, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL LOUCKS, *Chairman.*





STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	155	23	20	7		4	284				266	1	306	$2,211 43	$4,596 72	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh	George Seibert	112	13	3	4	1	4	208	9	2	187	151	2	151	657 43	2,052 10	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	‡37	3	2		1		40	2				1	68	128 50	700 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen	112	15	15	13		1	*227	3	6		300	2	600	1,199 19	3,650 57	Weehawken, N. J.
First Hoboken	William Manchee	54	3	4	5		1	100	4			20	1	231		1,541 68	Hoboken, N. J.
Park, Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	222	15	1	8	3	1	*316	9	2		200	1	508	766 36	6,153 03	212 Fifth street, Jersey City.
North Bergen	John Justin	60	8	1	1		5	80	9			41	1	30	188 00	1,233 43	Weehawken, N. J.
Second Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	105	26	5	1		3	*175	6	10	18	100	1	150	610 00	5,000 00	Hackensack, N. J.
German Evan., Hoboken	John W. Freund	150	62		1		1	*510	216	12	300	105	1	550	186 14	2,804 00	Hoboken, N. J.
Third Hackensack	Louis Goebel	76	4	1	1	1	5		66	1		14	1	365	17 68	1,400 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City	Henry Ward	70	4	2	7		1	*124		1		90	1	125	40 50	1,400 48	Closter, N. J.
Palisades	Francis M. Bogardus	50				1		43	16				2	75		600 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenburg	Thomas Morton, P. E.	14	1				2	31					1	164		343 00	Guttenburg, N. J.
Central Av., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright	100	6	7			1	180	13	1			1	300	170 00	1,850 00	Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill	J. Ferguson Harris, (S.C.)	*54	1		1		2	*48	2				1	130	109 18	1,254 00	New Bridge, N. J.
Secaucus	Vacant	†36						42					1	200			Secaucus, N. J.
Spring Valley	J. Ferguson Harris, (S.S.)	24	1	1			1	23	1				1	48	6 35	173 16	New Bridge, N. J.
Westwood	David M. Talmage	‡ 25	3	10			1	41	7	2			1	119			Westwood, N. J.
	Total	1456	188	72	49	7	33	2472	357	37	505	1287	21	4218	$6,290 76	$35,762 17	

* Revised list. † Report of year before last. ‡ This number of families as per last year's report.

Other Ministers—William R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island; William C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland county, Va.; James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan; Isaac E. House.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Cornelius Brett	245	46	10	13	--	11	414	16	12	245	300	2	572	$2,437 53	$5,645 17	509 Bergen Ave., Jersey City.
First, Jersey City	Vacant				3		2	66							25 00		
First, Bayonnee	William W. Knox	175	11	7	10	--	4	294	24	3	250	300	2	606	682 45	3,647 75	Bayonnne, N. J.
Second, Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	6	16	11	--	10	222	13	1	75	188	1	319	1,012 45	4,804 46	288 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	James F. Riggs	75	3	1	2	--		128	4	1	55	100	1	184	3,200 00	4,000 00	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second, Hudson City	E. A. Meury	146	17	2	3	--	9	360	53	7	540	90	1	497	131 00	4,299 32	14 Sherman Pl., Jersey City.
Lafayette	William R. Duryee (s. c.)	90	9	7	21	--	4	*158	13	3	100	150	1	260	1,435 00	5,037 00	239 Pacific Ave., Jersey City.
Greenville	William P. Bruce	105	35	25	10	--	1	196	3	8	45	140	1	241	556 16	2,336 94	110 Linden Ave., Jersey City.
Free, Jersey City	Albert A. Zabriskie	74			3	--		165			7	65	1	245			286 Fourth St., Jersey City.
Third, Bayonne	Gottlieb Andraea (s. s.)	30	8			--	2	*73	21		50	15	2	170		900 00	48 Fairview Ave., Jersey City.
South Bergen	William Vaughan	84	10	8	1	--	2	170	7	2	115	160	1	304	152 40	2,758 41	24 Crescent Ave., Jersey City.
First Ger. Ev., Jer. City	John Staehli	61	8			--		148	76		287	17	2	284	33 00	1,610 23	179 Mercer St., Jersey City.
St. John's G. Ev., Bergen	Gottlieb Andraea	70	20			--	2	150	32		50	20	1	150	65 00	1,220 77	48 Fairview Ave., Jersey City.
	Total	1275	173	76	77		47	2544	262	37	1819	1545	16	3832	$9,729 99	$36,260 05	

*Revised.

Other Ministers—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theology School, Tokio, Japan; Rev. William Westfield, Hotel Royal, New York City.



CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Freehold	Vacant	93	26	7	7	--	1	245	14	9	----	90	2	230	$138 91	$1,303 47	
Holmdel	Wm. Relley, Emeritus / Andrew Hageman.	100	26	7	2	--	2	183	9	12	----	----	1	145	366 41	3,248 87	Freehold, Monmouth / Holmdel, Co., N. J.
Spottswood	Cyril Spaulding	35	3	----	2	--	1	52	8	1	41	15	3	60	67 78	800 00	Spotswood, Middlesex Co.
Middletown	Charles D. Buck	30	1	1	1	--	1	76	1	1	----	----	----	----	230 85	1,171 23	Middletown, Monmouth Co.
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	103	17	8	2	--	4	265	7	10	----	160	1	160	744 19	4,516 30	Freehold, Monmouth Co.
Keyport	Elias Mead	53	1	1	1	--	3	70	10	1	43	25	1	125	50 00	762 12	Keyport, Monmouth Co.
Long Branch	James B. Campbell	80	10	3	6	--	1	141	8	4	----	----	1	88	54 86	2,315 85	Long Branch, MonmouthCo.
Colts Neck	George W. Labaw	92	3	4	8	--	2	164	3	2	110	36	2	90	135 27	1,288 55	Colts Neck, Monmouth Co.
Highlands	Henry Boggis	22	6	----	----	----	----	16	5	9	----	----	1	80	60 00	26 00	Highlands, Monmouth Co.
Asbury Park	D. Charles Preyer	74	9	14	2	----	----	78	14	1	----	50	1	93	36 55	931 00	Asbury Park, MonmouthCo.
	Total	682	102	45	31	--	15	1270	79	50	194	376	13	1071	$1,884 82	$16,363 39	

Other Ministers—Rev. G. C. Schenck, Emeritus, Bradevelt, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Supt. of Public Instruction, Freehold Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Edward Cornet, suspended from the ministry.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	No of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	Ralph W. Bokaw	145	16	17	15	--	2	220	4	7	----	----	2	252	$472 29	$3,238 34	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First, Newark	Thomas C. Easton	*175	22	30	18	--	5	*429	8	4	----	----	2	537	2,428 78	6,809 86	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Irvington	Henry Vehslage, (s. c.)	89	6	3	5	--	1	161	2	3	----	60	1	180	32 87	1,825 00	Irvington, Essex Co., N. J.
Second, Newark	John A. Davis	140	11	11	9	--	5	185	9	----	----	----	1	340	371 13	5,031 70	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Franklin	Benjamin C. Miller	53	2	1	5	--	1	82	2	----	115	----	1	62	----------	----------	Franklin, Essex Co., N. J.
North, Newark	David Waters	278	14	21	7	1	8	580	6	4	----	594	2	1017	12,766 03	14,548 11	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
West, Newark	Carl Girtanner	90	24	3	5	--	4	290	40	----	30	40	1	260	28 00	1,825 00	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Clinton Ave., Newark	William J. R. Taylor	165	11	14	18	--	6	390	3	2	52	200	2	626	2,697 94	5,463 57	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Trinity, Newark	Richard P. Milliken	50	27	6	3	--	2	93	6	2	66	90	1	218	78 80	864 42	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Linden	Supplied	27	----	2	3	--	----	62	2	----	----	----	1	109	300 00	900 00	
Christ, Woodside	Charles H. Jones	115	4	11	5	--	3	130	7	1	----	127	1	226	509 32	7,416 50	Newark, Essex Co. N. J.
Stone House Plains	William G. E. See	45	----	----	1	--	2	75	3	----	----	----	1	138	100 88	851 66	Brookdale, Essex Co., N. J.
Orange	George S. Bishop	235	12	8	6	1	3	504	12	3	----	329	1	409	2,653 30	†2,876 64	East Orange, Essex Co., N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	190	12	22	8	1	7	380	2	2	----	----	1	347	925 36	8,523 50	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
German, Plainfield	Frederick Koechli	40	7	2	----	--	1	64	12	----	12	10	1	*50	30 00	2,766 00	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
	Total	1837	168	151	106	3	50	3,625	118	28	275	1450	19	4731	$23,394 70	$62,435 80	

*Revised Roll. † Exclusive of minister's support.

Other Ministers—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gresner, Linden, N. J.; John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Lawrence Ave., Newark, N. J.



CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, New Brunswick	Philetus T. Peckman	275	29	26	15	1	16	660	20	10	----	445	1	521	$3,147 81	$3,885 03	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six-Mile-Run	Henry D'B. Mulford	155	2	11	9	--	4	*302	11	1	98	69	6	355	1,689 72	1,710 12	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin, (s.c.)	140	12	1	11	--	4	280	5	1	150	100	7	200	454 17	1,600 00	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush	James LeFevre	80	20	----	6	--	5	181	3	----	103	80	1	125	519 32	1,594 51	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	Robert V. Palmer	51	9	7	11	--	3	118	3	1	40	40	2	83	206 70	782 00	Griggstown, N. J.
Second, New Brunswick	Mancius H. Hutton	*170	22	16	6	--	2	*449	6	7	200	194	2	297	2,372 10	6,447 03	New Brunswick, N. J.
Bound Brook	Vacant	39	7	1	4	--	2	78	4	5	----	110	1	149	42 46	1,095 24	Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunswick	Carl Meyer, (s. s.)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam	70	4	2	8	--	3	140	2	----	----	40	1	60	185 00	1,100 00	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	Garret Wyckoff	*65	3	3	2	--	2	*117	1	2	10	----	2	185	239 23	1,528 51	Metuchen, N. J.
Suydam st. N. Brunswick	William H. Campbell	67	9	18	2	--	2	124	7	----	----	----	1	150	197 00	1,735 40	New Brunswick, N. J.
	Total	1112	117	85	74	1	44	2449	62	27	601	1078	24	2125	$9,053 51	$21,477 84	

* Revised list.

Other Ministers—Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, Professors in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, John L. See; address of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; Jacob C Dutcher, Springfield, Mass.; William H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Pachogue, N. Y.; Eugene S. Booth, Yokohama, Japan; Augustus F. Todd, Bergen Point, N. J.

Candidates—Dewitt T. Reiley, Alexander G. Van Aken, Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Nebraska.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	150	36	9	5	--	8	378	23	8	250	150	1	350	$1,770 21	$4,418 09	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	N. H. Van Arsdale	100	8	4	4	--	5	192	1	1	151	150	1	160	481 58	4,849 43	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Centerville	Anson Du Bois	30	2	----	----	--	----	27	----	2	----	80	1	105	357 00	1,291 14	Athenia, Passaic Co., N. J.
Clarkstown	Vacant	75	3	10	1	--	2	116	4	----	65	----	1	65	209 88	1,477 29	Mount Moor, Rock'd Co., N.Y.
First Holland, Paterson,	James Huyssoon	83	2	3	----	--	1	146	16	----	203	43	1	97	144 51	825 78	Paterson, Passiac Co., N. J.
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	43	----	1	----	----	----	62	----	----	138	----	1	58	30 00	424 10	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Holland, Passaic	Vacant	138	5	26	2	1	1	197	30	1	504	18	1	189	154 94	1,625 62	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke	J. Diephuis	98	15	9	7	--	3	251	31	1	425	20	3	150	71 53	1,087 58	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N.J.
North, Passaic	J. Henry Whitehead	90	32	5	6	--	2	239	12	6	----	280	1	319	1,177 46	4,325 42	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Nyack	J. C. Van Deventer, (S. C.)	160	3	10	8	--	9	318	6	2	166	227	1	261	1,328 00	5,935 00	Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Paramus	William H. Vroon	105	7	11	23	--	4	*184	1	1	137	80	1	147	326 14	3,036 98	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	5	2	----	--	3	141	3	----		150	1	150	118 89	2,384 30	Park Ridge, Bergen Co., N. J.
Piermont	J. Russell Verbrycke	55	9	7	3	--	2	*121	----	1	----	90	1	90	348 52	4,473 29	Piermont, Rockland, Co., N.Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	58	9	3	3	--	2	96	7	2	----	70	1	70	86 00	500 00	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramseys	Vacant	----	----	----	5	--	1	20	----	----	----	----	1	80	----------	53 50	Ramseys, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	77	1	6	----	--	----	133	6	----	56	50	1	178	79 51	2,563 65	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Saddle River	William N. Todd	54	3	2	4	--	1	82	4	1	132	63	1	60	26 63	1,061 27	Monsey, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Second, Lodi	Vacant	30	----	----	1	--	----	60	4	----	100	125	1	154	75 00	1,450 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Second, Totowa	John H. Duryea (P. E.) / Peter H. Milliken	156	3	5	3	--	7	294	24	1	175	170	1	485	594 53	3,840 20	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Crispell	85	6	4	10	--	3	131	3	1	55	200	1	200	164 37	1,553 08	Spring Valley, Rock'd Co., N.Y
Tappan	William H. Williamson,	100	1	1	2	--	1	170	5	----	100	50	3	213	129 24	1,430 93	Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Warwick	Peter Crispell	131	26	17	8	--	2	185	5	12	53	74	1	98	1,034 02	1,802 23	Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.
West New Hempstead	John Lambenheimer	40	5	1	2	--	2	82	3	3	24	48	1	119	57 13	638 58	Monsey, Rockland Co., N. Y.
	Total	1958	181	136	97	1	59	3625	188	43	2734	2135	27	3778	$8,765 09	$51,047 46	

Other Ministers—Robert M. Offord, New York *Observer*, 37 and 38 Park Place, N. Y. City.



CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boardville	Vacant	20	5					15	1	5	20	60	1	40		$80 00	Midvale, Passaic Co., N. J.
Boonton	Clarence M. Perlee	55		3	8		1	*71			21		1	142	$59 07	1,132 62	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield	Louis J. Lockwood	67	13	2			1	190	2	3			1	102	114 00	2,406 00	Fairfield, Essex Co., N. J.
Franklin Furnace	Gilbert S. Garretson	†40						21	1		21		1	129	52 63	749 14	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co.
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	70	15	10	3		1	171	10	3			1	92	71 16	1,413 45	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.
Montville	Jacob O. Van Fleet	82	6				3	144	2	3			1	84	90 89	1,105 00	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Sixth Paterson (Holland)	E. Van Hetloo	418	36	59	3		3	443	72	1	482	460	1	430	362 00	2,750 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Pompton Plains	Henry W. Teller	145	3	2	3			292	5				5	400	613 22	1,800 00	Pompton Plains, Morris Co.
Pompton	John A. Trimmer	75	24	7	5		3	185	1	10	56	50	2	200	380 00	1,700 50	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.
Ponds	Vacant	54	1		2			63	2				2	100		976 25	Oakland, Bergen Co., N. J.
Preakness	Theo. A. Beekman, (S.S.)	45	1	1	4		2	79	1	1	117		2	90	32 00	704 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Riverside, Paterson	Albert A. King, (S. C.)	50	12	9	2			40	7	6			1	175	34 55	1,386 94	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
First Totowa, Paterson	J. Lemoyne Danner	100	11	8	5		5	234	6	1		175	1	250	234 71	4,295 05	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Union Ref., Paterson	H. E. Nies	208	14	35	9	1	8	315	40		605	130	1	360	290 24	1,885 73	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Wyckoff	Vacant	85	7	1	2		4	123	13	1	100	35	1	88	116 15	1,031 20	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.
	Total	1514	148	137	46	1	31	2386	163	34	1422	910	22	2682	$2,450 62	$23,415 88	

* Revised list. † Last year.

Other Ministers—J. C. Cruikshank, County Superintendent of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; Isaac S. Demunds, emeritus, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S. CONTRIBUTIONS. Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
North & South Hampton	Samuel Streng	135	8	3	12		3	240	4	6	164	50	6	400	$494 55	$1,500 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	150	8	19	10		7	297	7	7			*5	200	206 72	1,325 94	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	150	7	3	10		2	†263	4	5	150		4	300	528 99	2,471 41	Neshanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia	Vacant	100	20	2	8	1	6	255	2	5			1	375	1,199 39	5,559 30	
Second, Philadelphia	William H. Clark	†238	7	2	11		6	†395	8	1		230	2	536	2,391 00	5,482 10	517 Brown St., Phila., Pa.
Fourth, Philadelphia	Theodore W. Welles	140	17	4	3		4	338	20	2		300	1	520	552 63		Sumac St., Wissahickon,
Blawenburgh	Wm. B. Voorhees, (S. C.)	90	1	4	8		1	170	3	1		20	1	150	286 44	1,432 56	Blawenburgh, N.J. [Phil., Pa.
Stanton	Adrain Westveer	91	3	4			2	170	1	1	40	34	1	50	92 00	1,007 39	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert	75	8	5	5		2	125	5	7			1	60	64 10	855 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Third, Philadelphia	Vacant	14	4					35	2	1		53	1	110	72 23	311 00	
Rocky Hill	Josiah E. Crane		1	2	15		2	130	1			75	1	120	160 00	1,000 00	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	162	11	3			8	256	51			42	1	363		2,163 19	2223 Otis St., Philadel'a, Pa.
Addisville	Vacant	*50	3		10		1	†100	2	2	56		3	150	127 50	940 00	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Three Bridges	Eugene Hill	71	12	5	3		4	132	9	2		125	1	140	138 65	958 67	Three Bridges, N. J.
	Total	1468	110	56	95	1	48	2906	119	40	410	929	29	3474	$6,257 20	$25,006 47	

*2 Union. † Revised list.

Other Ministers—Abm. R. Van Nest, 208 Fifth Ave., New York City; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm; A. Stoll, Baipore, India.



CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Raritan	J. Preston Searle	210	7	8	9		13	†430	1	2			†1	325	$853 53	$5,413 96	Somerville, Somerset Co., N.J.
Readington	Benjamin V. D. Wyckoff	195	7	10	17		8	268	2	1	155		4	250	400 00	1,676 04	Readington, Hunterdon Co.
Bedminster	John L. McNair	105	5	8	6		3	220	8		75		1	168	849 64	1,438 62	Bedminster, Somerset Co.
Lebanon	William E. Davis	210	4	4	2		2	273	8	1			3	210	230 20	1,657 03	Lebanon, Hunterdon Co.
Rockaway	Marion T. Conklin	103	7	3	3		2	224	5				5	250	111 18	1,596 95	White House, Hunterdon Co.
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	123	12	7	3		4	194	14	4		85	2	140	516 20	1,342 86	North Branch, Somerset Co.
Second, Raritan	Edward G. Read	211	10	20	21		11	529	16	2		175	2	472	1,322 88	4,707 20	Somerville, Somerset Co.
Peapack	George Davis	115	2	4	10		2	210	6	1			2	100	63 11	1,448 23	Peapack, Somerset Co., N. J.
Branchville	Joel Loucks	103	5	20	11		2	717	3	1			1	130	382 83	1,311 39	South Branch, Somerset Co.
Third, Raritan	William H. De Hart*	126	10	9	30		4	294	10	3		259	1	259	826 10	4,003 77	Raritan, Somerset Co., N. J.
Easton	Vacant	70	12	2	2			146	1	1			1	70	417 00	2,461 91	Easton, Northampton Co., Pa
Pottersville	George W. Scarlett	64	9	2	2		4	117	3	7			1	93	62 00	1,042 75	Pottersville, Hun. Co., N. J.
High Bridge	Curtis E. Long	68	1	1	5		2	104	8	1		120	1	120	155 49	1,618 50	High Bridge, Hun. Co., N. J.
Annandale	William J. Henderson	60		3	32		3	99	7				1	124	122 07	2,252 68	Annandale, Hun. Co., N. J.
Fourth, Raritan (Ger.)	Supplied	27	2		2			60	15						9 00	382 00	Somerville, Somerset Co.
	Total	1790	93	101	155		60	3485	107	24	220	639	26	2711	$6,174 23	$32,354 09	

*Pastor elect. †Revised list.

Other Ministers—Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; H. F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, N. J.; J. F. Mesick, (S. C.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J.; A. N. Wyckoff, Bedminster, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Somerville, N. J.; George M. S. Blauvelt, Easton, Pa.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1888.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED. Infants.	BAPTIZED. Adults.	BAPTIZED. Baptized Non-Communicants. Total	C. C. and S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. and S. S. Number of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. and S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	18	20	--	1456	188	72	49	7	33	2472	357	37	505	1287	21	4218	$6,290 76	$35,762 17	J. F. Harris.
South Classis of Bergen	13	14	--	1275	173	76	77	----	47	2544	262	37	1819	1545	16	3832	9,729 99	36,260 05	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	12	--	682	102	45	31	----	15	1270	79	50	194	376	13	1071	1,884 82	16,363 39	Andrew Hageman.
Classis of Newark	15	19	--	1837	168	151	108	3	50	3625	118	28	275	1450	19	4731	23,394 70	62,435 30	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick	11	19	3	1112	117	85	74	1	44	2449	62	27	601	1078	24	2125	9,053 51	21,477 84	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	21	--	1958	181	136	97	1	59	3625	181	43	2734	2135	27	3778	8,755 09	51,047 46	John C. Van Deventer.
Classis of Passaic	15	14	--	1514	148	137	46	1	31	2386	163	34	1422	910	22	2682	2,450 62	23,415 88	Albert A. King.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	15	--	1468	110	56	95	1	48	2906	119	40	410	929	29	3474	6,257 20	25,006 47	William B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	15	22	--	1790	93	101	155	----	60	3485	107	24	220	639	26	2711	6,174 23	32,354 09	John F. Mesick.
Total	134	156	3	13092	1280	859	732	14	387	24762	1448	320	8180	10349	197	28622	$74,000 92	$304,122 65	



ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The following report of the Committee of Classical Minutes was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Classical Minutes offer the following report:

They find the books presented for examination kept in regular form, viz.: Those of Bergen, South Bergen, Monmouth, Newark, Paramus, Passaic, Philadelphia, Raritan. New Brunswick not presented for examination.

With respect to the constitutional questions:—

Classis of Bergen.—Out of 18 Churches, 1 makes no answer, but there is the note "no representation." The following ten answer "yes" to question 2nd: First Hackensack, Second Hackensack, Third Hackensack, Closter City, Palisades, Guttenberg, Cherry Hill, Spring Valley, Westwood. To question 3rd, English Neighborhood. To question 4th, Guttenberg answers "no." To question 7th, New Durham, Park Church, Jersey City, answer 6; Central Avenue, Jersey City, Cherry Hill, 5; Schraalenburgh, Second Hackensack, German Evangelical Hoboken, 4; North Bergen, Closter City, 3; First Spring Valley, 2; Palisades, Guttenberg, 1.

South Classis of Bergen.—All the churches answer "yes" to all the questions, with the exceptions of First Church, Bayonne, which answers "no" to the 2nd question. To the 7th question Greenville answers "all but one," Free Jersey City "3 Boards," and St. John's, German Evangelical, Bergen, "no."

Classis of Monmouth.—To question 2nd Holmdel, Second Freehold, Keyport, Long Branch, Colt's Neck, answer "no." To question 3d, Long Branch answers "no." To questions 4th and 5th, First Freehold answers "vacant"; to question 6th, First Freehold answers "vacant," Colt's Neck, "no," Highlands, "partly." To question 7th, Spotswood answers "all but one;" Long Branch, "all but five;" Colt's Neck, "all but one;" Highlands, "all but four"; Asbury Park, "all but five."

Classis of Newark.—Belleville, Franklin, and North Newark, answer "yes" to all the questions. Orange, Irvington, Stone House Plains and West Newark, answer "yes" to all but the 7th. First Newark, Clinton Avenue, Newark, and German, Plainfield, answer "yes" to all but the 2nd and 7th, which are "no." Trinity, Newark, Woodside, Linden, and Second Newark, answer



"yes" to all but 2nd, 4th and 7th, which are answered in the negative. Trinity, Plainfield, answers "yes" to all but the 2nd.

Classis of Paramus.—The exceptions from "yes" in this series of twenty-three answers are as follows: First Holland, Paterson, Pascack, Ridgewood, make no report. To the 2nd question nine answer "yes," viz.: Broadway, Paterson, North Passaic, Piermont, Pamrapo, Saddle River, Spring Valley; Tappan answers "not regularly." To 3d question all answer "yes." To the 4th question all answer "yes" but two churches; Acquackanonck and Tappan, which answer "two." To the 5th question all answer "yes" but one, Holland, Wortendyke, which answers "mostly." To the 7th question nine answer "yes;" Broadway, Paterson, "all but one;" Clarkstown, "all but one;" Holland, Paterson, "all but one;" North Passaic, "4 Boards, 1 Fund;" Paramus, "all but one Board and two Funds;" Piermont, "all but two;" Ramapo, "3 Boards, 1 Fund;" Saddle River, "3 Boards;" Spring Valley, "no;" West New Hempstead, "3 Boards."

Classis of Passiac.—Only two churches answer "yes" to all the questions; Boardville, Union Reformed, "not represented." Boonton answers "no" to question 7. Fairfield answers "no" to questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Franklin Furnace answers "no" to questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Little Falls answers "no" to questions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Montville answers "no" to questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Sixth Paterson answers "no" to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Ponds answers "no" to questions 3, 4 and 7. Preakness, Riverside, First Totowa, answer "no" to question 7. Wyckoff answers "no" to questions 2 and 7.

Classis of Philadelphia.—All the Churches answer "yes" to the questions, with the exception of Harlingen and Neshanic, which answer "no" to the 2nd question. Blawenburgh answers to question 7, "1 Board." Stanton answers "no" to question 7. Third Philadelphia answers "no" to questions 2, 4 and 7. Fifth Philadelphia answers to the 7th question "one Board and Funds." The First Church, Philadelphia, sends "no report."

Classis of Raritan.—All the 13 series of answers are "yes," except Bedminster, Lebanon and Branchville, which answer "no" to the 2nd question. Bedminster, Lebanon, Rockaway, North Branch, Peapack, Branchville, Easton, High Bridge, answer "no" to question 7. The Fourth Church of Raritan sends no report.

The above report shows that while there is some improvement in regard to the different churches answering the questions, yet

there is need of further improvement; and the committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to urge their Ministers and Elders to a more faithful compliance with this part of the Constitution.

Resolved, That in the future meetings of the Synod, the President appoint a committee of one minister and one elder for the examination of each book of the Classical Minutes.

C. M. PERLEE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

The following from the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report:

Two communications have been placed in their hands, viz.: One from the Classis of Raritan, asking the Particular Synod to "add a column in the Table for Statistical Reports in which the amounts of contributions by the Church for religious and benevolent purposes, other than those which are included in the operations of our own denominational boards shall appear."

In consideration of the fact that the statistics of the Particular Synod are reproduced in the reports of the General Synod, and that this matter would therefore necessarily be reviewed and finally acted upon by the latter body, your Committee recommend that this overture be referred directly to the General Synod.

The other overture is from the Classis of Philadelphia, asking that the Churches within its bounds, East of the Delaware, be constituted into a new Classis.

[In the matter of this reference the Committee presented a majority and minority report, both of which were accepted. The adoption of the majority report was moved, when, after discussion, the adoption of the minority report was moved as a substitute. The minority report was adopted, and is as follows:]



This action (the request for a division of the Classis of Philadelphia) was taken without any expressed dissent in the Classis. It has been ascertained since, however, that some of the representatives of the churches in New Jersey are not in favor of the immediate constitution of such new Classis, and chiefly upon the ground that it would be a very small Classis. Furthermore it is alleged that the matter has not received that full and deliberate discussion which its gravity deserves.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that this overture be referred back to the Classis of Philadelphia for further consideration.

J. HOWARD SUYDAM, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on Temperance reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Temperance appointed to confer with similar committees of other denominations reported as follows:

Your committee which has been the representative of our Churches in this State in the expression of temperance sentiment and effort has nothing in the way of new policy or the adoption of new methods to report. The conferences of other years have shown that, besides urging the old, and never-to-be-relinquished method of gospel-temperance preaching and practice, the churches of this State could do little else through their commission than try to influence the law-makers of the State to enact such reasonable and just laws as will be likely to be enforced, and in their enforcement diminish, at least, the sale of intoxicants. The commission has been called together but once during the year. The meeting was at Trenton in January, where an open and free conference was had with the Legislature, and that body was earnestly requested to pass the joint High License and Local Option bill then pending. How far the arguments of the commission influenced the Legislature to enact the bill into a law, we can not say,

but your committee is of the opinion that the fact that the Christian churches of the State were, through their commission, demanding some more repressive temperance measures, did not a little towards obtaining the law that is now on our statute books.

What will be the result of the passage of the law remains to be seen, but your committee feels that it is a step in the right direction, and that now the influence of the Church ought to be vigorously exerted to have the law faithfully tested in its execution. Your committee, therefore, respectfully suggests that this Synod appoint a committee for conference and coöperation in temperance work during another year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. POOL, *Chairman.*

The Synod received from the Committee on nominations the following names, and appointed the brethren mentioned as the committee of conference and coöperation on Temperance Work for the coming year: Rev. Cornelius Brett, Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D., Rev. Charles H. Pool, and Elders Richard B. Ferris and Martin L. Senderling.

The Rev. A. E. Ballard, Secretary of the New Jersey Temperance Alliance, and Chairman of the Church Commission, was welcomed by the Synod, and gave an address on the present aspect of the temperance work in the State.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

Rev. A. R. Thompson, D. D., presented credentials as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, which were re-

ceived and Dr. Thompson was heard, by appointment, after the communion service on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Charles H. Pool followed Dr. Thompson with a brief statement with reference to the Board of Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE XVII.

TREASURY.

The Treasurer's report was received, read, and referred to the Auditing Committee. The following is the report:

NYACK, N. Y., May 1st, 1888.

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*, in account with the PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

Respectfully reports as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1887.	April 27,	To balance in Treasury	$130 62
"	Sept. 15,	" Cash from Classis of Paramus	20 00
"	Oct. 31,	" " " " Raritan	18 50
"	Nov. 4,	" " " " New Brunswick,	10 00
1888.	Feb. 27,	" " for 1886 and 1887, Newark	26 00
"	March 20,	" " from South Classis of Bergen	12 50
"	" 29,	" " " " " " Passaic	15 00
"	April 10,	" " " Classis of Philadelphia	18 00
			$250 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

1887.	May 28,	Paid Unionist-Gazette Association, for printing and distributing Minutes	$106 00	
1887.	Nov. 4,	paid Rev. C. H. Pool, Stated Clerk	57 35	
				$163 35
		Balance in Treasury		$87 27

UNPAID.

Classis of Monmouth	$8 00
" " Bergen	12 00

The Committee on the Treasurer's report presented the following:

The report of the Treasurer has been examined and compared with the vouchers and found correct.

In view of the statement made to the Synod by the Treasurer,

and the small balance now in the Treasury, your committee recommend that the annual assessment on the Classes of this Particular Synod be increased 100 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

PARTICULARIA.

Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 2:30 P. M., and 7:45 P. M., as the hours of meeting, and 12 M., and 5 P. M., as the hours of adjournment.

The first hour after the opening of Synod, and the first half-hour of each day's session thereafter were occupied with devotional services according to the rules.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Synod and the congregation unitedly on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The service was conducted and the Liturgy read by Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw, the President of Synod. The Rev. Cornelius Schenck administered the bread, and Rev. Henry Boggis gave the cup, assisted by the Elders G. T. Van Reipen, John Duncan, A. C. Holdrum, and John Lefferts.

At an early session of the Synod the presence of Rev. Aaron Lloyd, of Belleville, a member of the Particular Synod of New York, was recognized, and he was invited to a seat with the Synod as corresponding member. The same courtesy was extended to Rev. T. C. Mayhem, pastor of the M. E. Church of Belleville.

Rev. Charles H. Pool, having been chosen to the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, resigned the position of Stated Clerk of the Synod. The Synod accepted the resignation with thanks for a faithful performance of duty. Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw was chosen to succeed to the office of Stated Clerk.

By appointment of the last Synod, Rev. William W. Knox preached the special discourse on Wednesday evening, on the topic assigned: "Ministerial Loyalty to the Doctrinal Standards of our Church—its Measure and its Test."

The committee on nominations reported for the special address of next year, the following topic: "Should Ministers and Elders regard it their Duty to enter actively into Politics for the advance-

ment of Temperance or other Moral Reforms?" Preacher, *Primarius*, Rev. Cornelius Brett; *secundus*, Rev. John A. Davis.

The Synod, by a rising and unanimous vote, thanked the pastor, consistory and congregation of Belleville for their cordial and abundant hospitality in the entertainment furnished.

The sexton's charge for his services, $5, was ordered paid.

Four hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of this Synod were ordered to be printed.

ARTICLE XIX.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following having been nominated by the Classes were confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William R. Gordon, D. D.,	Elder Henry Bell,
" Herman Vanderwart,	" A. S. D. Demarest,
" George Seibert,	" Henry Van Buskirk.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Justin,	Elder Herman Schmidt,
" J. Furgeson Harris,	" William Blair,
" Andrew B. Taylor,	" Isaac D. Bogert.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. A. Meury,	Elder T. P. Sherwood,
" William Vaughan,	" Garret E. Winants,
" William P. Bruce,	" C. V. Knowles.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Staehli,	Elder T. F. Morris, M. D.,
" Albert A. Zabriskie,	" Albert Cheesebro',
" William Westerfield,	" James C. Lindsay.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Charles D. Buck, D. D.,	Elder Charles Tindall,
" Isaac P. Brokaw,	" John B. Conover,
" George W. Labaw,	" John Statesir.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Cyril Spaulding,	Elder J. D. Johnson,
" Henry Boggis,	" John Wright,
" D. Charles Preyer,	" J. S. Ripley.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John M. Macaulay, D. D.,	Elder Stephen H. Wheeler,
" David Waters, D. D.,	" John Duncan,
" John A. Davis,	" Joseph S. Mundy.

SECUNDI.

Rev. George S. Bishop, D. D.,	Elder C. C. Hine,
" Cornelius Schenck,	" W. D. W. Miller,
" Ralph W. Brokaw,	" James Marlatt.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Mancius H. Hutton, D. D.,	Elder James Wood,
" Edward T. Corwin, D. D.,	" C. G. Van Cleef,
" Philetus T. Pockman,	" John Beekman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Garret Wyckoff.	Elder Isaac I. Voorhees,
" James Le Fevre,	" H. V. D. Garretson,
" Alex. McWilliam,	" J. H. Redfield.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale,	Elder Alex. D. Hill,
" William W. Letson,	" Garret Van Nostrand,
" William H. Vroom,	" A. J. Winter,
" John C. Van Deventer,	" A. G. Zabriskie.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Russell Verbrycke,	Elder S. A. Jessup,
" John A. Van Neste,	" John Sip,
" John Gaston, D. D.,	" John Van Heest,
" Edward Lodewick,	" J. B. Courter.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. E. Nies,	Elder N. Verduin,
" Albert A. King,	" W. H. Yeoumans,
" J. Le Moyne Danner,	" J. G. Hopper.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Philip Furbeck,	Elder W. B. Mitchell,
" Jacob O. Van Fleet,	" A. Crane,
" Henry W. Teller,	" George G. Van Ness.



Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Francis M. Kip,	Elder H. H. Walker,
" William H. Clark, D. D.,	" John Lefferts,
" Theo. W. Welles,	" A. W. Given.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William B. Voorhees,	Elder Sidney Griggs,
" Adrian Westveer,	" R. De Mott,
" N. I. M. Bogert,	" N. W. Young.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William J. Henderson,	Elder Jacob F. Fox,
" J. Preston Searle,	" John Voorhees,
" Benj. V. D. Wyckoff,	" Aaron J. Thompson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John L. McNair,	Elder Robert B. Nevius,
" William E. Davis,	" James Van Syckle,
" Marion T. Conklin,	" Josiah Cole.

ARTICLE XX.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following were reported by the Committee on Nominations and appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. H. D'B. Mulford: *Secundus*, Rev. Joel Loucks.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.—Primarius, Rev. Louis Goebel. *Secundus*, Rev. James Le Fevre.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. John A. Davis. *Secundus*, Rev. Charles H. Pool.

ARTICLE XXI.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXII.

ADJOURNMENT.

A cordial invitation was extended to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia, when it was

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn it be to meet in the Second Church of Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday in May, 1889, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by the President, the doxology, and the benediction by Dr. Crispell.

I. P. BROKAW, *President.*
WM. H. CLARK, *Vice-President.*

J. A. DAVIS, } *Clerks pro tem.*
JOHN HART, }

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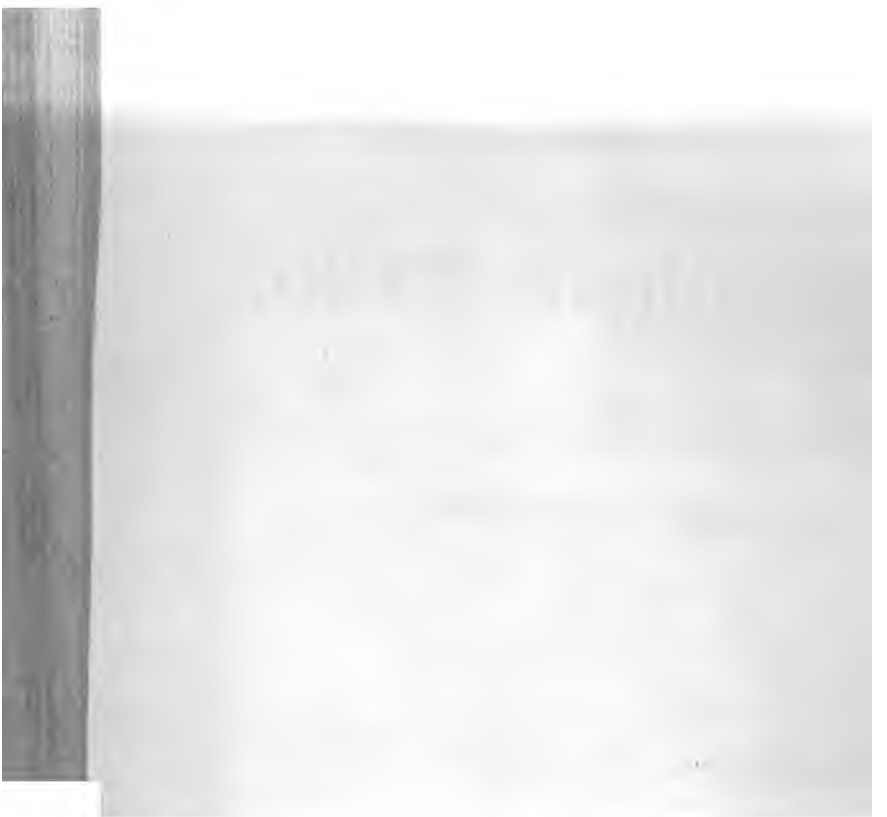
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PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Stated Session in the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia, Penna., on Tuesday, May 7, 1889, at 3 o'clock P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday evening, May 8.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, the Rev. I. P. Brokaw, who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening from Acts 4: 31–33.

It was resolved that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring President for his admirable, pointed and pithy sermon, and that the preacher be asked for its publication.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen—Ministers, Jno. W. Freund, Chas. S. Wright. *Elder*, Martin Sturgis.

South Classis of Bergen—Ministers, Cornelius Brett, A. A. Zabriskie, W. P. Bruce, G. Andraea. *Elders*, Garrett Winants, Michael Schultz.

Classis of Monmouth—Ministers, A. Hegeman, J. B. Campbell, Elias Mead, G. W. Labaw. *Elder*, D. T. Polhemus.

Classis of Newark—Ministers, W. G. E. See, J. A. Jansen, David Waters, W. J. Leggett. *Elders*, Jno. Duncan, W. D. Holmes, Zenas E. Jacobus, C. C. Hine.

Classis of New Brunswick—Ministers, M. H. Hutton, Theo. Shafer, Garrett Wyckoff. *Elders*, Hiram Garretson, James H. Hegeman.

Classis of Paramus—Ministers, Anson Du Bois, W. N. Todd, J. R. Verbrycke. *Elders*, Jacob Snider, C. W. Miller, G. Van Nostrand.

Classis of Passaic—Ministers, J. C. Cruikshanks, H. E. Nies, A. A. King. *Elders*, W. H. Youmans, J. G. Hopper.

Classis of Philadelphia—Ministers, F. M. Kip, Samuel Streng, Eugene Hill, S. O. Lawsing. *Elders*, Jesse Cornell, J. G. Higgins, Isaac Van Horn.

Classis of Raritan—Ministers, N. J. Henderson, Ab'm N. Wyckoff, J. Preston Searle. *Elders*, William Young, J. Vredenburg Voorhees.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The Rev. J. Preston Searle was elected *President.*

The Rev. Anson Du Bois, D. D., was elected *Vice-President.*

The Rev. G. Wyckoff and the Rev. A. Hegeman were elected *Temporary Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. David Waters, D. D.; Rev. F. M. Kip, Jr. *Elder*, C. W. Miller.

On Classical Minutes—Original Committee—Rev. W. J. Leggett, Rev. W. P. Bruce. *Elder*, J. G. Hopper.

Sub-Committee—Rev. W. J. Henderson, Mr. I. Van Horn, Rev. W. N. Todd, Mr. J. O. Higgins, Rev. Eugene Hill, Mr. J. Cornell, Rev. A. A. King, Mr. J. Suydam, Rev. G. W. Labaw, Mr. W. H. Youmans, Rev. W. G. E. See, Mr. W. D. Holmes, Rev. Theo. Shafer, Mr. D. O. Polhemus, Rev. J. R. Verbrycke, Mr. J. A. Hegeman, Rev. W. J. Leggett and Mr. J. G. Hopper.

On Classical Reports—Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Rev. A. N. Wyckoff. *Elder*, G. Van Nostrand.

On Overtures and Judicial Business—Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D.; Rev. C. Brett. *Elder*, John Duncan.

On Nominations—Rev. C. S. Wright, Rev. J. B. Campbell. *Elder*, G. E. Winants.

On Treasurer's Report—Rev. A. A. Zabriskie. *Elders*, Hiram Garretson, J. V. Voorhees.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received:

An appeal from the decision of the Classis of Philadelphia, by Robert B. Davidson, was referred, with accompanying documents to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, and the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Synod Records beg leave to report that they have examined the records of the General Synod and the Particular Synod of New Brunswick. There is nothing in the records of General Synod demanding particular mention, save that a change has been made in the term of office of the members of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, so that now members are appointed for five instead of three years.

There is nothing in the records of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick demanding special reference at this time.

D. WATERS,
CHAS. W. MILLER.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

Reports have been received from all the classes, and such attention given to them as their tardy transmission by dilatory committees or consistories or stated clerks permitted.

Their study has convinced us that mathematics no longer deserves to be called an "exact science," at least ministerial mathematics, and that the least reliable things are facts.

The comparisons which we make one year with another are uncertain, because of frequent blanks in the reports and abnormal variations from the average—through revivals, or a legacy, or church building. Thus the conversions in one Classis are double those of last year, but the gain is altogether in one congregation. The benevolence of another is trebled through the donation of an individual. Another element of uncertainty is arithmetic; for example, in the General Synod Minutes of 1870, one of our classes is credited with a benevolence of $14,556, instead of $5,556, an error of only $9,000 in $5,000, which would considerably vitiate deductions therefrom.

With due caution, therefore, and an examination of startling transgressions of the law of averages, your Committee have, like their predecessors, ventured upon some comparisons.

This Particular Synod was organized in 1869, and made its first report in 1870. As this lacks only a year of two decades, it allows a sufficient time for the discovery of progress, even in slow-moving bodies. There is gain all along the line. We cite only the essential particulars.

Churches, 108 to 133; *ministers*, 134 to 153. Families, 10,374 to 13,565, or as one church in the Classis of Passaic of about 130 families made no report in 1870, the real gain is 3,060, or 33 per cent. nearly.

Confessions.—919 then, 1,517 now.

Total in Communion.—16,508 then, 25,411 now; a growth of 8,903, or 50 per cent. nearly.

Benevolent Offerings.—$61,544 in 1870; $86,286 in 1889; or deducting $3,000, a very special gift this year by an individual, an increase of over $20,000, or about 33 per cent. in benevolence.

Contributions for Congregational Purposes.—$278,472 then, $295,942 now; or as 1870 was $43,000 in excess of the average, due to two cases of church building, the real gain is $60,000, or 25 per cent. nearly. Thus, in the course of twenty years, and in spite of a continual apology for the right to be, this Synod has gained from 25 to 50 per cent. in churches, members and contributions. Even as compared with last year there is visible progress, an item or two excepted. One church has departed through a recently discovered back door, that of Presbyterianization.

Families are this year 13,565, as against 13,092; gain of 473; the equivalent of two strong congregations.

Confessions, 1,517 versus 1,280; a gain of 237; nearly all in S. Bergen Classis.

Total in communion, 25,411, against 24,762; gain of 649.

Benevolent Offerings.—$86,286, against $74,000; a difference of $12,200; but as $3,000 of this is in Monmouth, $10,000 in Newark, there must be a slight decrease in the rest of the Synod.

Congregational Expenses.—$295,942, against $304,122; a saving of $8,180; $6,000 of which was in one Classis, and represents less expenditure in church building and repairs.

These comparisons, bearing in mind the caution in beginning, seem to show about the average prosperity. But what is average prosperity?

It is 1,500 persons converted; 25,000 communicants in 13,500 families, held to God's house and work; nearly $90,000 given for general benevolence, and about $300,000 for church support.

With respect to these offerings, it is worth our notice that they amount to $6.33 per family for benevolence, in addition to $21.80 for church support, or a total of about $28 per family for the cause of Christ. When we consider that $28 is one-tenth of $280, which is certainly at the lowest estimate in the well-to-do churches of this Synod, not one-quarter of the average income per family, we perceive that our congregations cannot give one-fortieth of their incomes to the Lord's work. This is settling

the vexed question whether the tithe system of the Jews is a truly Christian method of benevolence in a way very creditable to the Jew.

For fear this kind of calculation, if further pursued, will prove embarrassing, and more than ever persuaded that figures will bear false witness, and steal, if not wreck the Decalogue in general, we return to the comments which the Classical Committees make in their reports. These brethren have felt the pulse of the church, and should be able to tell us its condition. I give such extracts as are characteristic.

Bergen—"Decided growth in religious life, and numerical strength for the last year," discounted somewhat by the remark that "nothing of special interest in temporal or spiritual matters has occurred to require notice."

S. Bergen.—"Greatly encouraged by the outlook upon the material and spiritual condition of the churches."

Monmouth.—"Manifested gain in every direction."

Newark.—"Evidences of special presence of the spirit in many of the churches."

New Brunswick.—"Evidently the churches are in a healthy condition, materially and spiritually."

Paramus.—Slight falling off in most of the totals from last year, yet a general tone of thanksgiving and hope.

Passaic.—"We have reason to rejoice that God has so abundantly blessed our labors."

Philadelphia.—"The spiritual condition of the churches, as indicated by the reports, speaks of better things than last year."

Raritan.—One-half of the churches have enjoyed some degree of prosperity. The others have struggled to maintain the spiritual standing of last year.

The net gain in membership is only fourteen, and the Classis appoints the third Sabbath in May as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

A composite photograph of these several views of church life makes, we can fairly say, a favorable impression. There is no retrograde movement. Unfruitfulness is recognized and deplored. Progress is seen and appreciated. One hopeful feature of these reports is the improvement in organization. Every Classis, in some of them nearly every church, makes mention of Christian Endeavor Societies. Other organizations named are, "Society of Church Workers," "King's Daughters," "Young

People's Mission Band," "Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society," "Church Builders," "Boys' and Girls' Missionary Society," &c. Organization is the condition of power. Inorganized matter is dead. Organized lives. We regard this marked attention to "Applied Christianity" as one of the most promising indications of the year's record.

The order of last General Synod, see Minutes, p. 621, that benevolent contributions shall be henceforth tabulated under "Schemes of the Church" and "Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes," has been complied with by five out of the nine classes, viz.: Bergen, Monmouth, New Brunswick, Paramus and Raritan. The results are as follows:

Bergen.—Schemes of the church, $5,642. Other benevolence, $1,860, or as 3 to 1.

Monmouth.—Church schemes, $4,776. Other benevolence, $401; nearly 12 to 1. Counting out, however, the special gift in that Classis to the Board of Education, the proportions are 1776 to 401, or 4 2-5 to 1.

New Brunswick.—$5,475 vs. $3,956, or 1 2-5 to 1.

Paramus.—$6,575 to $1,896, or 3½ to 1.

Raritan.—$4,972 to $1,146, or 3¼ to 1.

The highest average of denominational loyalty (or selfishness) being in Monmouth, 4 2-5 to 1, even after discounting a special offering. The lowest in New Brunswick, 1 2-5 to 1. An examination of the tables in New Brunswick Classis shows that two of their churches gave more to outside work than to schemes of the church, the figures being 205 to 160 and 107 to 87. Another church divides its benevolence evenly, 75 to 75; while the strongest church in the Classis contributes $1,713 to other causes, and $1,744 to those of the church. In summing up, we find particular cause for thanksgiving in the blessed increment of 1,577 souls upon confession of faith. This is the true register of progress, and the very reason for a church on earth. Especially should we congratulate our church of Bergen—oldest, yet most fruitful of us all—upon its great ingathering of over 100 souls at one communion. Shall not this be a call to the rest to reconsecrate ourselves to the precious privilege of soul-saving? If so be, we may be likewise blessed, remembering that "He hath the residue of the spirit." His blessing is not like Isaac's, for one of his sons alone.

Only six churches out of the 133 report no additions upon confession, and of these four had no pastors.

We recommend the following:

1. That this Synod records its devout gratitude to God for the priceless blessings of His spirit, through whom 1,517 souls have called Jesus Lord.

2. That it is our earnest prayer that in the year to come every church and pastor may be filled with the Holy Ghost, and enjoy "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

During the year but two deaths have occurred of ministers, neither of them settled pastors. Rev. Garret C. Schenck and Rev. Isaac S. Demund, both in ripe old age, transferred their fellowship to the General Assembly and Church of the First born, which are written in Heaven.

And to that Synod may we all be delegated.

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. BROKAW,
A. N. WYCKOFF,
G. VAN NOSTRAND.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that the consistorial reports of all the churches but one have been received. They show a decided growth in religious life and numerical strength for the past year. Many tokens of the Divine blessing on the means of grace have been granted. Some have reaped largely, while others are conscious of indications of a harvest near at hand.

Nothing of special interest in temporal or spiritual matters having occurred to require notice, we omit going into the usual details.

The benevolence of the churches is still increasing, for which we thank God and take courage.

As a whole, therefore, we bless God for His gracious favors. The Rev. Francis M. Bogardus has been dismissed to the Classis of Kingston. The Rev. Wm. D. Buckelew has been received from the Classis of Schoharie and installed pastor of the Church of the Palisades. No deaths among the ministry are to be recorded. May a baptism of a mighty longing for the unsaved fall into our spirits as we go forth into another year of

labor, and each one of us ask ourselves concerning the charges committed to us, "What can I do unto my vineyard that I have not done unto it?"

HENRY WARD, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Reports have been sent in to your Committee from all the churches in this Classis, and these have been tabulated according to the form prepared by the General Synod.

The outlook is such as to encourage us greatly, in view of the material and spiritual condition of the churches.

A very considerable spiritual movement, which took place in Jersey City during the later months of the ecclesiastical year, is the source of the impulse, which may be plainly seen in the reports.

Bergen.—"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

About the beginning of the year a united call from the churches of several denominations on Jersey City Heights was sent to the evangelist, Rev. B. Fay Mills, asking him to labor in the community at such time as he might be at leisure. He responded with a hearty acceptance. Beginning with February, union preparatory services were held under the conduct of the pastors, and on the 24th of the month Mr. Mills began his labors. The meetings of the first week and two of the closing services were held in our church. The results were wonderful. The faith and zeal of Christians were quickened. In large numbers the baptized children of the church chose their father's God, and aliens from the commonwealth decided for Christ, the King. At the March communion, 107 were received as members of the church upon confession of their faith.

The prosperity of former years has been continued throughout the last twelve months. During the summer, necessary additions were made by means of galleries to the seating capacity of the Sunday-school room. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized, and is now enthusiastically sustained.

Nearly all the sittings in the church are taken, and congregations are larger than ever. Our prayer is that the Lord may make us true to the obligations which His many favors impose.

First, Jersey City.—"The church property has not yet been disposed of. The Free Reformed Church has taken possession of the premises under the advice of Classis and of the Board of Domestic Missions."

When the property complications are settled and the corporation can be dissolved, the church organization will be formally disbanded.

Bayonne.—"The past year has been one of marked activity and growth. Our plans for the enlargement of our church building have been happily and satisfactorily carried out. Notwithstanding the interruption and inconvenience which the work occasioned, our services have been attended by constantly increasing numbers. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized, and manifests strong life and activity even in its infancy. An additional circle of King's Daughters has been formed among the ladies of the church. A reading room has just been opened in the Bethlehem Mission at Centreville, and has received the aid and heartfelt sympathy of our people. Our Sunday-schools have grown in numbers and efficiency, and from our home school the seven who professed their faith came to testify that the teaching of the Word was not in vain. United in spirit, earnest in purpose and loyal in love, our church enters upon another year humbly, yet confidently. Ever ready to say, 'Not unto us, not unto us,' we nevertheless know that the measure of our own zeal conditions the measure of grace bestowed."

Wayne St., Jersey City.—"The past year has brought seasons of refreshing to many churches, some of them in our vicinity, but no special tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence and power in revival influences have been enjoyed by our church. Our congregation remains about the same as last year."

"During the year an important change has occurred in the relations which our pastor (Dr. Van Cleef) has so long sustained to this church. In October last he presented to the consistory a communication requesting them to take some action looking to his partial relief from the increasing labors which the field occupied by this church seemed to demand, and which he did not feel fully able to render, in view of the state of his health. After a careful consideration of the whole subject, the consistory acceded to the earnest request of the pastor, and took suitable action in the premises, which was

afterwards approved by a vote of the congregation. It was resolved to call an *associate pastor*, and the consistory is now endeavoring to accomplish that object."

Bergen Point.—"A steady, healthy and quiet growth is all that we can report. The attendance on public worship is regular, and we have much for which to return our grateful praise to the Giver of all good."

Second, Hudson City.—"The consistory would give expression to a feeling of encouragement, not only on account of our increase in numbers, but mainly on account of the standard of personal piety of our members. We firmly believe it has been better during the past year than ever before. We are happy to report an increased interest among our young people. The attendance upon Divine service has been remarkably good throughout the year, the pastor not feeling justified in omitting one service. Peace and harmony reign within our bounds. May the Lord continue His blessing."

Lafayette.—"The past year has been marked by God's usual blessing upon the steady work of His people. Our membership has increased, but not largely; half of the new communicants coming at our last sacramental service. The Sunday-school has been very well attended, and a number of the older scholars have come to the Lord's table.

Owing to the fact that our Easter offerings do not come into this report, our benevolent contributions seem diminished, but *with* the Easter collections we think they will be nearly the same as last year."

Greenville.—"Our ranks have suffered from removals and from death. Elder S. H. Conklin and his family, able workers in Christ's kingdom, were among the fourteen dismissed to other churches, while Elder Albert Cheesbro' headed the list of four who passed into glory.

"The Sunday-school work has been full of encouragement. Nearly one hundred additional scholars have joined us in the study of the Scriptures, while sixteen from the school have united with the church. Two new societies have been organized, 'The Young People's Mission Band' and the 'King's Daughters,' and both are doing admirable work 'in His name.'

"Our people have taken active steps toward building a new church. The cherished hopes of the older members and of former pastors seem about to be realized. The manifest liber-

ality of the Greenville Church throughout her entire history guarantees the success of the enterprise now so happily begun."

Free, Jersey City.—"The Free Reformed Church entered upon their new work in Grand street the first Sunday in February. The size of the congregation, the Sunday-school, and the income of the church have been increased 100 per cent. Rev. Jos. A. Harper, of Montrose, has rendered assistance recently, and his efforts have been greatly blessed."

Third, Bayonne.—A large accession of new members cannot but encourage the pastor, who labors as "stated supply" in his efforts. "We are working and praying."

South Bergen.—"During the past year we have paid off our church debt. Although there has been no special revival, there has been a steady spiritual growth. We have been some time without a pastor, yet the prayer meeting and the young people's meeting on Sunday evening have been well sustained, and the attendance on church services has been good.

"We hope soon to have a pastor."

First German Ev., Jersey City.—Sevices have been continued during the year, in spite of unfavorable surroundings.

St. John's German Ev., Bergen.—"Our work is prosperous. We have felt the influence of the religious awakening that has been so powerful among our English sister churches. Our prayer meetings are a source of great blessings."

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. Wm. Westerfield was dismissed to the Classis of New York, November 30, 1888.

The Rev. Wm. Vaughan was dismissed to the Classis of New York, and his relation as pastor of the South Bergen Church was dissolved Jan. 15, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. RIGGS,
CORNELIUS BRETT,
Committee on State of the Churches.

In presenting this report on the State of Religion to the Classis of Monmouth, we beg leave to make the following suggestion, that hereafter the pastor of the church, which is the last to send in its report to the Committee on the State of Religion, be appointed Chairman of that Committee for the fol-

lowing year. We imagine that it would have a quickening effect, and the real meaning of the golden rule would be learned.

Reports have been received from all the churches, and a comparison of them with those of last year shows an increase of 15 in the number of families.

Four more by confession and four more by certificate than last year have been received into the churches.

There is an increase of 94 in the total enrolment of the churches.

There is an increase of $3,292 in benevolent contributions; $3,000 of this is accounted for in the gift of Mr. Statesir. There is a decrease of $4,466, given for congregational purposes. Last year, however, there were more than $6,000 in advance of the year previous.

With such a manifested gain in every direction, and with the spirit shown in most of the churches that the people "have a mind to work," and above all, with the assurances of Christ's blessings poured out in the presence of His spirit within so many of our churches during the past year, quickening pastor and people to duty and privilege; surely we ought to devoutly thank God for the past, and be inspired with renewed hopes for the year to come. We call special attention to the following facts, taken from the individual reports:

First Freehold "rejoices again in the enjoyment of the ministrations of a settled pastor. Their report also notes, with thanksgiving to God, the manifest desire of the people not only to come to God's house, but to draw nearer to God. The benovolent contributions of this church are greatly increased over last year, and all the boards and funds of the church have been remembered."

Holmdel "reports a large addition to its membership on confession of faith, and an increase in benevolence. The Divine presence and power have been felt in the conversion of sinners, in the reclaiming of back-sliders, in the re-consecration of saints, and in a more thorough readiness to do *all* that the Lord would have them do for His sake. They are earnestly hoping for more and more of the good things of God's grace."

Spotswood "appreciates with gratitude to God the present condition of their church. Financially without debt, and all obligations and expenses promptly met and paid.

Spiritually, they speak of church attendance as good; of attention to the preached word as in a very high degree encouraging; and best of all, a greater increase in church membership than for many years past."

Middletown "shows an increase in number of families and of communicants received, but a falling off in benevolent contributions from last year.

The report fails to give anything in the Sabbath-school columns.

The report speaks of a special religious work continued through six weeks, conducted by various ministers of the Classis, and by the evangelist, Mr. F. L. Smith."

Second Freehold "reports the commendable benevolence of one of its members in the gift of $3,000 to the Board of Education, to endow a scholarship in memory of his deceased wife and daughter.

At the communion in March unusual interest was manifested, and it is hoped that the year to come will reap fruit therefrom. A healthy activity is maintained in the various organizations of the church, and the outlook is hopeful."

Keyport "reports the spiritual condition of the church to be encouraging, though not altogether such as could be desired.

Prayer meetings, for the most part well sustained. Sabbath-school revived and greatly enlarged. A number of the young professing their faith and uniting with the church.

The report speaks in ambiguous terms about the finances of the church, but hopes that plans have now been inaugurated which will bring better results."

Long Branch "sums up the apparent results of the year to be harmony in all the departments of church life, material prosperity and spiritual prosperity. Sabbath congregations are constantly increasing. Growth in the Sabbath-school is remarkable. Prayer meetings are well sustained, and other organizations are not neglected.

It laments, however, its weakness and defective education, as it regards the Benevolent Boards of the church. Its offerings for these purposes have not increased much over last year, which were then exceptionally small."

Colt's Neck "has no special remarks to add to its statistical table. The table itself, however, indicates that faithful work has been done, and that God has crowned it with His blessing.

Eight have been received on confession, and the benevolence of the church is in advance of last year."

Highlands "gladly reports increased attendance at church services; increase of church members; increased finances, and a well-sustained Sabbath-school."

Asbury Park states that they have been enjoying for the past four months the ministerial services of Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr., of India. Brother Scudder himself speaks in high terms of the favorable prospects of that church.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—July 1, 1888, Rev. D. Chs. Preyer was dismissed to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, his pastoral connection with the Church at Asbury Park having been dissolved.

Oct. 30, 1888, Rev. J. Henry Bertholf was received from the Classis of Rensselaer and installed as pastor of the First Reformed Church of Freehold at Marlboro.

The death of the Rev. Garret C. Schenck occurred Sept. 17, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HAGEMAN.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Committee on the State of Religion present the facts which appear in the reports of the various churches, only adding a few important comparisons at the close.

Belleville presents a report that shows, in some respects, a falling off from the report of last year. Yet evidence is not wanting that the church has not forgotten its duty to the field of the world, when we note a considerable increase in the contributions for benevolent objects. A revised list tells why a less number of members is reported; and but few additions reported is ascribed to the pastorless condition of the church for part of the year. Though she misses the former energetic pastor this venerable but vigorous church has not seated herself in the weeds of her widowhood to mourn for him; instead she has bestirred herself, and has already found a worthy successor and asks classis to mark its visit by performing the marriage ceremony.

First, Newark, during the year, for two months, missed its pastor, who was away under surgical care. The church is feeling the obstacles in the way of growth in the heart of the

business part of the city, and realizes that to hold on here counts far more than great growth elsewhere. Yet the church has shown its liberality by its gifts to others; and its zeal and power at home by largely increased contributions for congretional purposes. When a church increases such contributions by more than $2,000, it can hardly be said to be losing ground financially. And its benevolent contributions have rather increased than lessened. Best of all is the fact that a goodly addition by certificate, and a full score by confession show that the church is more than holding its own. If there be anything better than best, it is the fact that the Spirit's presence is felt in the Sabbath School; a number of its members having united with the church on confession of their faith.

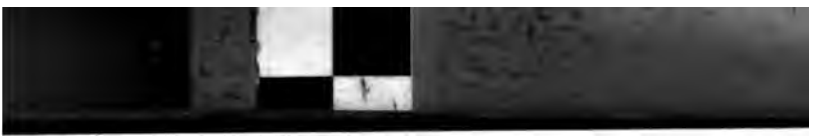
Irvington has sorrow and encouragement mingling in its report. Death and dismissals are mourned; among the latter the majority of the Board of Elders. The changing population of a suburban town causes a lessening of its working forces. Yet there is not only harmony and activity reported among those who hold the position, but better financial condition. Better still is an unusually large accession; this, though not large, indicates a change for the better and doubtless adds to the hopes of those who are doing their best to promote the Master's work.

Second Newark begins with a minor note, and rises in tone and spirit until the song ends near the beginning of a hallelujah chorus. Heavy losses by death and removal of some of the most able and liberal supporters are recorded; also the dismissal of others, according to the constitution making it incumbent on members leaving the bounds of a congregation to take their certificates. Sabbath School and meetings for prayer have been much larger than ever, and audiences larger on the Sabbath than the capacity of the house of worship; so that a new and large church is becoming a necessity. There have been greater accessions during the year than during any previous year of the history of the church. And during the past few weeks a work of grace has begun whose fruits cannot yet be estimated, though over one hundred have indicated their determination to become Christians. Except a few extra meetings this result has followed the ordinary regular work of the church. The outlook for this church, if able to build a larger house of worship, is very bright.

Franklin presents a report in which few encouraging features can be found. As no remarks are appended, the best that can be said of it is, that it must take its place as one of the rest in this medley. There is, however, one gratifying change from last year; the church reports contributions not only for congregational, but for benevolent purposes. But the fact, that only one was added this, and but two last, year on confession, indicates that the Spirit's power is not specially manifest.

North Newark all along the line of church work reports activity and advance. Improvements, with memorial windows in the church in honor of the sainted dead, have added to the attractiveness of the house of worship. The Ladies Association is doing good work, supporting a remarkably successful Industrial School, managing an Employment Committee, Missionary Collectors and a District Visitor. The Bible Women under the care of this Association are doing successful service. The Sabbath Schools of the church are doing good work under the care of efficient officers, and as a result a considerable proportion of those uniting with the church come from these nurseries. The Belleville Avenue Mission, under the care of Consistory, is proving a useful adjunct to the work of the church, as well as a good training school for workers. Of the thirty-five uniting with the church, fifteen have come on confession of their faith, thus giving evidence of the result of faithful work. Two items of great encouragement appear:—a deepening interest in spiritual things on the part of some, especially the young, and the changing of the Young People's Society into a prayer meeting, thus showing a deep, religious feeling. Steps are being taken to extend the work of the church in East Newark, where a number of Scotch people reside, and whose affiliations are rather with the North Church than with any other.

West Newark tells of trials and discouragements; among them are interest-bearing debt, constant need of repairs to the church building, great effort required to pay the pastor's salary, increasing Roman Catholic influence in the neighborhood, and increasing power of infidelity, together with aversion to religious and ecclesiastical life. On the encouragement side appear reasons that have given rise to the cheerful thankful spirit of the report. It is in no spirit of levity that one is added; forty infants have been baptized in a congregation of ninety families, showing not only a hopeful future, but that, whatever our Ger-



man brethren neglect, they do not forget to offer their children to God in baptism. Well attended services are reported; unity, love and peace prevail; the parochial school continues to prove a blessing to the population; and the societies of the church are its helping hands. The one fact that twenty-eight united with the church on confession of faith tells much. Evidently the Spirit's power has not been withheld.

Clinton Avenue in the soft refrain of sanctified sorrow, tells of the loss by death of two worthy elders: one, S. R. W. Heath, known and honored, and as warmly loved, throughout the denomination. But those are the only sad strains in an otherwise joyful song of thanksgiving for a blessing that has come, like the gentle dew, and is yet falling npon this church. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed, indicating new religious interest and aggressive work. Twenty-eight added on confession is the beginning of a harvest that is ripening under the influence of the Spirit. The quiet work of grace continues. No extra meetings are held, but the regular services are accomplishing their intended work. The interest has reached Hope Chapel, (under the care of this church), and many of the children there are seeking, or have already found, the Saviour. That school is in an unusually prosperous condition, and some day, we hope, it will be the Eighth Reformed Church of Newark. It would be unjust to the work of the ladies of Clinton Avenue Church not to refer to their work for foreign and domestic missions, the poor and friendless, the orphans and the sick. They are doing their work, and doing it well.

Trinity, Newark, by statistics and remarks indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. The church tells of the growth in grace of its members, of well attended prayer meetings, large and increasing Sabbath audiences, and a general, hopeful, outlook. Better still is the noted fact that the Spirit is working quietly but surely among the people. While a less number of additions than last year is reported, a record of twenty new members, and all but three by confession, shows that our smaller sister is growing more rapidly in proportion than any but one of the sisterhood of our Classis. Its outlook is brighter than for years. There is not a minor note in all their thanksgiving song.

Linden appears with but little besides the statistical report,

but the outlook is promising, and the hope is cherished that at no distant day a permanent pastorate may be re-established.

Christ's, Woodside, begins with thanksgiving, and does not stop its joyous song of gratitude to think of trials. In its present and prospective prosperity it seems to have forgotten to lament. May it never need learn again. It tells that the year has been one of ingathering and plenty. A growing Sabbath School; congregations so large that an addition to the church is necessary and contemplated; many new families casting in their lot with this church; thirty-nine added by certificate and eleven more on confession, form, in brief, the burden of this grateful song. With its inspiring report the church, presses forward to possess the yet unoccupied ground about it.

Stone-House Plains, as if to present a contrast to that which precedes, humbly expresses its gratitude that God has continued its existence through another year. A glance at the statistical report indicates that this good old church is not likely to have this cause for gratitude very many years, if the record for the past two is continued. Yet it is to be hoped that better days are near. But the statement that the Saturday evening services, presumably prayer meetings, are poorly attended, and, except occasionally when they are quite gratifying, are quite depressing, gives no immediate promise of the dawn of the days of refreshing. But the report is not all gloomy. A new chapel has been built, and half paid for, with the hope that the rest of the debt soon will be removed. The people have shown a generous spirit in the matter; and it may be that the better days will begin through this opening of heart and purse.

Orange seems to be full of the spirit of the psalms of thanksgiving, rather than the Epistle to the Romans. Well attended services, enlarged liberality, and not least a deepening religious interest call for gratitude. Twenty-nine added to the church on confession of their faith, and twenty-one by certificate, show that gain has been made, and that the Lord has indeed blessed faithful work. The fourteenth anniversary of the church's history will be celebrated shortly, and it is but just that the fact be noted, that this church, in that time, has become one of the largest single churches in our denomination; a proof of the power of earnest work and faithful devotion to the sterner truths of the Bible.

Trinity, Plainfield, presents the score and a line or two.

very modest at that, of the song, and lets us attach the chorus. It tells of nothing special, and declares that there has been no special interest, yet the figures speak. Forty-one by certificate, and thirty-eight on confession may indicate not a special work of grace, but it does indicate progress and a growth that calls for special gratitude. As we render thanks to the Lord for the "nothing special" that has been given to our sister, we may well pray that *we* may all enjoy a similar blessing, as years come and go.

German, Plainfield, least and smallest of the sisterhood, presents her cheerful report; and it is all encouraging. A modest song, but a sweet one, we may say, for it breathes a spirit full of humble satisfaction over the work of the Lord. A prosperous Ladies' Aid Society and Sabbath School, good interest and attendance at Sabbath services, and increasing influence of the Gospel of our Redeemer, make them grateful and hopeful. Then, fourteen added on confession of faith, tells of prayers answered, and results following earnest work. An addition of more than twenty per cent. during the year to its membership, may well be counted reason for gratitude.

Thus may we look back, as a Classis, over the past year's work with thanksgiving and gratitude to God for what he has done. In every church in Newark, Plainfield and Orange there has been and still remains evidence of the special presence of the Spirit, while the four churches outside of the three cities have not yet begun to feel the special power of that Mighty One. To them too we hope ere long will come the blessing that others have already felt.

Our total gains by certificate during the year have been 211 and by confession 246, making a grand total of 457. From this deduct the losses by death and dismission and we have a net gain of 257.

Our net increase in families has been 128, and in scholars in the Sunday Schools 141.

Our gain in religious and benevolent contributions has been $5,418.26. But on contributions for Congregational purposes is less by $7,213.24.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On the 9th of October, 1888, the pastoral relation between the Rev. R. W. Brokaw and the church of Belleville was dissolved, and the vacancy so made was filled on the 9th of April, 1889, by the installation of the Rev. William

J. Leggett, who had been received from the Classis of Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DAVIS, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the Classical Report to Synod of the State of Religion in the Classis of New Brunswick, report as follows:

There is very little of special interest to report. We have eleven churches, and all are supplied with faithful, devoted shepherds. Evidently the churches are in a healthy condition, materially and spiritually, and the utmost harmony exists throughout our borders. The field covered by the Classis is well cultivated. The customary means of grace have been well sustained, and the attendance in the house of God probably increased. Prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools and social gatherings, with a good degree of interest in each circle, speak of an active church life in each community. There seems to have been a very uniform development, with no remarkable outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The results as they appear in figures are remarkably similar to those of last year. The condensed report from the individual churches is as follows:

Griggstown.—No special religious interest. The losses by death and removal exceed the number received on confession. The envelope system has been introduced for raising the pastor's salary, with success. A special gift of a hundred dollars from an individual is noticed with gratitude.

Hillsboro.—Everything prosperous. A new pastor settled. Excellent attendance upon services. The people deeply in earnest. The field presents many encouraging and hopeful features.

East Millstone.—A year of peace and harmony with special services, a revived church and universal joy. Unusual interest has been shown in Domestic Missions, the Woman's Auxiliary and the Little Builders of the Sabbath School.

Six Mile Run.—A year of unusual vicissitudes, with various causes for sorrow. The Holy Spirit's presence manifest in conversions, and in the interest developed in those who dwell in the highways and hedges. A helpful year by its lessons and its losses and by the blessing of harmony and power.

Middlebush.—Increased interest in church work, with marked generosity in sustaining the cause of Christ at home and abroad.



The young people are thoroughly alive and helpful.

Bound Brook sends a cheerful account. Steady growth. Prayer meetings well attended. The spirit of unity and brotherly love on the increase. The church is looking up in every department.

New Brunswick Suydam Street.—This church sends only a statistical table, but we know the church is in a prosperous condition. We regret to note the failing health of the pastor, the venerable Dr. Campbell.

New Brunswick, Third Church (German).—It is refreshing to have a word from this church. It is a small congregation of only eleven families, but their spiritual condition is satisfactory to the pastor. The children attend the English Mission Sunday School of the Second Reformed Church.

New Brunswick, Second.—Entire harmony with steady growth. Improved excellence of music has helped the attendance. A donation of $3500 has been made toward the purchase of a lot for a new lecture room. Roll accurately revised. No communion has passed without additions on confession of faith.

New Brunswick, First.—General prosperity, with first fruits gathered; increased contributions to all objects, and a balance in the treasury.

Metuchen.—Church rolls revised. Church building repaired and ornamented. Services well sustained, financial obligations promptly met, and the presence of God's Spirit ever manifest. The Y. P. S. C. E. in a vigorous state. Their earnestness is truly wonderful. We believe this society to be the hope of the church.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev Kumaji Kimura was dismissed on May 11, 1888, to the Chin Kwai of Japan. On May 18, 1888, the students Wm. H. S. Demarest and Aragi Miyake, after the regular examinations, were licensed to preach the Gospel. The latter was also examined for ordination, and was ordained to the Gospel ministry on June 4th, 1888. The licentiate, Wm. H. S. Demarest, was dismissed to the Classis of Orange, on September 21st, 1888. The pastoral relations between Rev. E. T. Corwin and the church of Hillsboro was dissolved on August 31st, 1888. Rev. Theodore Shafer was received from the Classis of Saratoga on Jan. 5, 1889, and was installed pastor of the church of Hillsboro on Jan. 23d. Rev. Jas. T. Schock was received

from the Methodist Episcopal Church by certificate on April 16, 1889, and remains the S. S. of the church of Bound Brook.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. POCKMAN, *Chairman.*

E. T. CORWIN, *Stated Clerk.*

New Brunswick, N. J., April 16, 1889.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The Committee on the State of Religion reports that returns have been received from all the churches except the church of Ramseys, which seems to have only a legal existence.

The most of the totals show a slight falling off from last year's report. In the number received on confession a decrease of 47. In the amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes a decrease of $343.39. Yet the general tone of the reports is one of thanksgiving and hope.

The church of West New Hampstead rejoices in a gracious revival although without a pastor.

Not enough of the churches have complied with the direction of General Synod, to supply a list of the amounts contributed to objects other than those under the care of our denomination to enable us to make a report upon this subject. Although judging from those that are returned it is but a small percentage. The churches report as follows:

Acquackanonck.—We rejoice in the uninterrupted use of the means of grace, and in the maintenance of the spirit of Christian benevolence. We mourn that so few have responded to the gracious call, and that there are comparatively so few in the church that are disposed to lift up a standard against the enemy.

Broadway, Paterson.—Prosperous. A flourishing Y. P. S. C. E. organized. Church and Sunday. School growing. The Ladies Auxiliary Missionary Society increasing in efficiency. All the meetings of the church encouragingly sustained.

Centerville.—The condition of this church is singular. Last year we reported twenty-seven members. We have since then lost thirteen and gained one. Our present membership is fifteen. However, if the Athenia church can secure the confidence of the community in its permanency and the sympathy of the neighboring churches of the Classis, we see no reason why, with God's blessing, it should not become strong and useful.

Clarkstown.—Humiliated by the fact that we are unable to report a single addition by confession, still are encouraged by a steadily increased attendance, and also rejoice in the harmony that prevails. We feel the need of a pastor and trust one will soon be sent.

First Holland, Paterson.—Attendance good, and have been cheered by blessed evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Holland, Lodi.—Blessed be the name of the Lord. He has been with us. Are thankful and trust Him for the future.

Holland, Wortendyke.—Church flourishing. Church building painted inside and out and a mortgage of $300 paid.

North Passaic.—The church has enjoyed steady and uninterrupted growth. Cheerful devotion has been manifested in various new projects and the prospect for the coming year is very encouraging to us all.

Nyack.—Quiet work and growing expectation. The ingathering has not been large but of a kind to give encouragement. Church debt removed. Continued peace and temporal prosperity.

Paramus.—Church externally prosperous. Many signs of spiritual interest; a Y. P. S. C. E. in successful operation. Two new weekly prayer meetings established.

Pascack.—Advancement in some respects. A Ladies' Missionary Society organized. The church builders at work in Sunday School.

Piermont.—Many reasons to be much encouraged. Some regularly attending service who before did not. Y. P. S. C. E. doing good work. Sabbath school growing. The financial needs of the church cheerfully and promptly met.

Ramapo.—Church work uninterrupted. Sabbath School in a flourishing condition. Thrown on our own resources we have made an extra effort toward self-sustentation, increasing the pastor's salary. Hope to do better next year. Y. P. S. C. E. organized. Benevolent contributions same as last year.

Ridgewood.—Every reason to feel encouraged. Pastor's salary increased $300, besides a floating debt of $600 paid.

Saddle River.—We mourn the loss of one faithful servant of Christ. Services fairly attended. Sabbath School work encouraging.

Second Lodi.—Attendance remarkable for regularity in all seasons and in all kinds of weather and at all the services.

Second Totowa.—The church being without a pastor, reports only statistical table. The Rev. Theodore W. Welles has been called and is soon expected.

Spring Valley.—Eight members in full communion left us by regular certificates because of the wine difficulty. While we regret this we prefer it to the continuance of the agitation. The church debt growing less.

Tappan.—All departments of the work carried on with same measure of success. In membership a net gain of five. In enrollment in the Sunday School a gain of sixty. A commodious Sunday School building erected at River Vale.

Warwick.—The year has been one of good interest, steady work and marked progress. Many added to the church. The amounts contributed to both religious and congregational purposes considerably larger than ever before. More than $20,000 (the estimated cost) has been pledged for a new church building, the erection of which will soon be commenced.

West New Hempstead.—The past year has been one of varying experiences. We were left without a pastor in December last. The Rev. Dr. West of the Board of Domestic Missions has conducted the service for most of the time since. On Sunday, March 3d, there were twenty-three welcomed into the church, ranging in age from the child to the old man of 80. When we consider how limited has been the human agency employed, we exclaim "What hath God wrought!" "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Ministerial Changes.

The Rev. Vernon B. Carroll was dismissed to the Presbytery of Jersey City, April 10, 1888.

The Rev. James Bolton was received from the Classis of Westchester and installed pastor of the Second church of Lodi on May 16th, 1888.

The pastoral relation between the church of West New Hempstead and the Rev. John Laubenheimer was dissolved Nov. 26, 1888 and he was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer. The Rev. C. R. Blauvelt was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, Nov. 26, 1888.

The pastoral relation between the Second Church of Totowa



and the Rev. P. H. Milliken was dissolved Dec 24, 1888, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

W. H. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully present to the Classis their report. First let the facts presented in the Consistorial Reports be heard.

Boardville reports preaching every Sabbath. A flourishing Sunday School has been kept up for six months during the year. There have been no conversions, but the people are working together for the best interest and welfare of the church.

Boonton.—Our church services have been regularly held, and the prayer meeting has been kept up through the entire year. The Sunday School changed its session to the morning which accounts in part for the reduction in the total enrollment. The Ladies Society, formed a little over a year ago, has done good work. The church building has been thoroughly repaired, and now presents a beautiful appearance. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is truly a pastor's aid society. We are thankful to God that some have been led to openly confess Christ's name, all of whom are young people, members of our Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society. Our offerings for religious and benevolent purposes, as well as those for Congregational purposes, are much larger than last year.

Fairfield.—So much in God's Providence has come upon us as a church this year that we are entirely shut up to faith. At the beginning of the year, the church having been repaired and fitted up, and the care of a much loved pastor, we started out for a year's aggressive work. Now we sit in sorrow ; having been deprived of our pastor, our parsonage in ashes, and the records of our church burned up. But God's Spirit has been with us in the conversion of sinners, and the steadfast faith of His children. Some are comforted with the faith that He will lift us up.

Franklin Furnace.—There has been greater interest among the children in personal piety and in mission work. Our religious and benevolent enterprises have been better organized and more productive. The interest in the ordinary means of grace has been well sustained and during extra services in advance of former years.

Little Falls reports the interest in the church work has been fully sustained in the maintenance of the weekly meetings of prayer, and in the growth and interest in the Sunday School and the Society of Christian Endeavor. Having lost their pastor about November 1st, they feel very grateful to the Great Head of the Church, who has sent their under-shepherd, Rev. J. O. Van Fleet, with whom they are hoping for greater blessings. During the past months they have been enabled to pay the mortgage on the church property and expect soon to be free from debt.

Montville sends only statistics.

Sixth Paterson sends only statistics.

Pompton Plains sends simply statistics.

Pompton.—The past year has been one of financial and spiritual prosperity. Congregations have been steadily growing, and there has been a good interest manifested in every department of church work. All the benevolent collections have been taken. We have every reason to thank God and take courage.

Ponds.—This church is still vacant, but services have been regularly maintained throughout the year. The church is free from debt. The Christian Endeavor Society is active. A Ladies Aid Society has been organized and is doing a very good work.

Preakness.—During the past year our church has developed generally. Congregation and Sunday School attendance has improved greatly. Prayer meetings have maintained their standing; that of the Y. P. S. C. E. has about doubled in numbers, and increased manifold in Christian activities. The Woman's Missionary Society growing in membership and usefulness has brought the offerings to our missionary boards up to more than $2.25 per church member. The church has removed her last debt and has a large surplus in the treasury.

Riverside, Paterson.—We have enjoyed a good year, both financially and spiritually. Our Sabbath School has increased about one hundred. God's presence has been with us in the quickening of believers and awakening and conversion of sinners. Our congregation has increased. Our prayer meeting is well sustained.

First Totona, Paterson, sends only statistics.

Union Reformed, Paterson.—The attendance at the regular church service has been good. Peace and harmony have pre-

vailed. We do not feel elated, nor do we specially discouraged. We hope, and endeavor, and try to press prayerfully onward.

Wyckoff reports a prosperous year. A new pastor has been settled, new church sheds have been built and the parsonage property has been improved. The congregation has been thoroughly canvassed, and a monthly missionary concert has been organized, and by these means the offerings for benevolence have been greatly increased.

To summarize: The reports show that the work of the Master has been faithfully carried on in our churches during the year, and we have reason to rejoice that God has so abundantly blessed our labors.

Number of families reported this year, 1720; last year, 1514; a gain of 256.

Received on confession this year, 155; last year, 148; a gain of 7.

Received on certificate this year, 98; last year, 137; a loss of 39.

Number of communicants this year, 2497; last year, 2386; a gain of 111.

Sabbath Schoools this year, 21; last year, 22; a loss of 1.

Sabbath School Scholars this year, 3035; last year, 2682; a gain of 353.

Benevolence this year, $2,723.58; last year, 2,449.62; an increase of $273.96.

Congregational purposes this year, $22,793.43; last year, $23,415.88; a decrease of $622.45.

Ecclesiastical Changes.

Rev. Isaac S. Demund died at Ridgewood, New Jersey, April 23d, 1888, aged 85 years.

On October 2d, 1888, the Rev. Wm. E. Faulkner was received by letter from the Classis of Albany, and on October 23d he was installed pastor of the church of Wyckoff.

On November 7th, 1888, the pastoral connection between Rev. Philip Furbeck and the church of Little Falls was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

On February 26, 1888, the pastoral connection between Rev. Jacob O. Van Fleet and the church of Montville was dissolved, and he was installed pastor of the church of Little Falls, March 21.

On April 2d, 1889, the pastoral connection between Rev. Louis J. Lockwood and the church of Fairfield was dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. PERLEE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in rendering their annual report have no comments to make, believing that the facts as they are made known by the different churches will speak for themselves and thus reach a fairer judgment on the case. One thing, however, is worthy of mention. The spiritual condition of the churches as indicated by the reports speak of better things than last year.

North and South Hampton reports a quiet year, with a fair degree of interest in all the activities of the church; harmony and hopefulness prevailing and encouraged to hold fast of their profession of faith without wavering.

Harlingen reports a year of progress and the almost entire removal of a debt which for some time has been an annoyance to them. There is also a growing spirit of liberality on the part of the people which gives hope of brighter and better things in the future. Harmony and peacefulness prevails and all the services of the church well attended.

Neshanic reports all services well attended; the preaching of the Word quickened by the power of the Spirit in the conversion of souls. The pastor has just completed his fourteenth year of service and during that time 183 persons have united with the church by confession and 130 by certificate. Mention is also made of an aged disciple after sixty-four years of service going to her reward in the full assurance of a triumphant faith.

First Philadelphia reports the people united and cordial and a manifest activity in all the departments of church work and an earnest desire for higher attainment in the Christian life. Also a large attendance upon all the services.

Second Philadelphia reports a year of peace and prosperity with a gracious blessing of reviving grace in the conversion of souls; the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor proving to be an efficient factor for good among the young people. Two Missionary Societies organized, one of girls and another of boys, in addition to those previously established. They



mourn the loss of three prominent members, which admonition prompts them to work while the day lasts.

Fourth Philadelphia reports a year of great blessing. A steady increase of attendance upon all the services, and all the forces of the church well organized and doing efficient service. Feelings of regret are manifested in the possible loss of the present pastor, yet hopeful anticipations are entertained in regard to the future in the fulfillment of the Saviour's promise of presence and help.

Blawenburg reports nothing unusual has characterized the year's history. The church has been at peace and the attendance upon the services good.

Stanton reports a year of prosperity and blessing; large congregations assembling to hear the Word taught in the school of the church and souls have been gathered into the fold. The benevolent contributions bear evidence of a marked increase and they have great reason to render praise and thanksgiving to God.

Clover Hill reports nothing unusual in the work of the church. Unity and peace prevailing and all services well attended.

Third Philadelphia reports the church without a pastor and their financial affairs still in an unsettled condition. Services however have been held on Sunday and during the week.

Rocky Hill reports the manifest presence of God with them in all the work of the church. Society of Church Workers organized during the year and found to be of excellent service. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor also organized and doing good service among the young people.

Fifth Philadelphia reports all services well attended and evidence given of the power of the Gospel of Christ upon the hearts of the people. Ladies' Society of King's Daughters, organized for the purpose of supporting a Catechist in India, under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions. Notwithstanding the setting aside upon the retired list of a number of names, confidence is expressed in the increased strength of the church.

Addisville reports a gracious outpouring of the Spirit upon them in the conversion of souls. Mention is made of the imperfect nature of the report on benevolence, owing to the fact of the church being without a pastor a large portion of the year. Yet there is a marked increase over the contributions of

last year, which also gives expression in the hopefulness of the future.

Three Bridges reports a quiet peaceful year. Death has taken away three of their number and one prominent in all the work of the church. All services well attended and hopeful. Look for brighter days in the future.

Faithfully submitted,

EUGENE HILL,
FRANCIS M. KIP.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of all the churches and find that they differ but little from those of former years.

First, Raritan, narrates a year of harmony and quiet growth in numbers, in activity, and in benevolence. The evening service, the Sabbath school and the prayer meeting have been increasingly attended, and the Divine Spirit has been at work here and there among the unconverted.

Readington reports that "One pleasant feature of the additions on confession has been the reception of a whole family—father, mother and daughter. One new prayer meeting has been started and successfully carried on in a neighborhood where none has existed for twenty years, and another has been greatly quickened through the earnest efforts of a neighboring minister; and a Y. P. S. C. E. with a membership of twenty, holds an exceedingly pleasant prayer meeting in the Pastor's study each Friday evening."

Bedminster reports a Y. P. S. C. E. organized last October which has been maintained with deep interest.

Lebanon says: "We have not been left without the evidence of the Spirit's presence. We have heard the cry, 'What must I do to be saved?' The utmost harmony prevails throughout the church."

Rockaway rejoices in the manifest blessing of God.

North Branch is made glad by the prevalence of harmony and good will, and sorry that so few have been added to the membership.

Second, Raritan, reports the attendance upon the prayer meetings larger than usual, and the two Sabbath Schools increased in members and interest, as well as a healthy growth in grace on the part of many Christians.

Peapack reports the past year to have been one of prosperity and blessing. The debt upon the church has been wholly removed.

Branchville says: "We have nothing of any unusual character to report."

Third, Raritan, sends only the statistical report.

Pottersville says: "We have little that calls for special remark."

Annandale laments that the Holy Spirit, who is so much needed, does not come in mighty power.

High Bridge reports that a young people's prayer meeting has been organized, is well attended, and bids fair to become a valuable aid to the church. The Ladies' Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid Society are both rendering efficient service.

Fourth, Raritan, sends only the statistical report.

From these reports we learn that about one-half of our churches have enjoyed some degree of prosperity, maintaining that steady and healthful growth so desirable in individual Christians, and equally desirable in individual churches. The other half of the churches have struggled to maintain the spiritual standing of last year. Only one of our churches seems to have enjoyed a refreshing from on high, by the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Is it not time for us to humble ourselves before God and plead with Him for a Pentecostal season? And in view of the fact that the net gain in membership is only fourteen, therefore

Resolved, That the third Sabbath in May be appointed as a day of special prayer throughout the Classis for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that the pastors be requested to preach on worldliness in the church and its remedy.

The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place: During the year the church of Easton has severed its connection with this Classis and united with the Presbytery of Lehigh, so that the Classis at present is composed of fourteen churches and twenty-one ministers.

Rev. George W. Scarlett has been dismissed, also Rev. B. Statesir, to the Classis of Orange.

Rev. George J. Van Neste has been received from the Classis of Ulster and installed pastor of the church of Pottersville.

Rev. Wm. H. DeHart has been received from the Classis of Albany and installed pastor of the Third Reformed Church at Raritan.

The licentiate, John M. Allen, has been examined and licensed to preach the Gospel and dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

J. L. MCNAIR, *Chairman.*



STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. and S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.															
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Tot'l Enrollment	Schemes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Hackensack ..	Herman Vanderwart..	155	18	6	5	..	4	299	5	3	.....	210	1	353	$2,553 00	$616 00	$6,571 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh.....	George Selbert.....	112	1	6	6	..	1	208	3	...	200	143	2	143	683 16	30 43	2,125 50	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor....	40	....	1	1	...	...	41	2	...	.....	.....	1	67	.....	.....	1,300 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
New Durham	Isaac W. Gowen.....	113	18	6	2	..	6	243	13	2	.....	244	2	667	969 55	337 72	3,892 31	Weehawken, N. J.
First, Hoboken.....	William Manchee.....	50	2	4	4	..	2	100	6	...	.....	50	1	212	35 90	.....	1,692 11	Hoboken, N. J.
Park, Jersey City....	J. Howard Suydam...	210	19	15	6	..	3	341	4	6	.....	.....	1	492	307 35	282 90	5,921 56	212 5th St., Jer. City.
North Bergen.....	John Justin.	60	9	....	..	..	2	88	10	...	80	37	1	302	176 51	.....	1,335 31	Weehawken, N. J.
Second, Hackensack..	Arthur Johnson	115	20	10	4	..	2	199	7	6	.....	.....	1	200	165 00	385 00	4,350 00	Hackensack, N. J.
German Ev., Hoboken	John W. Freund.....	*150	57	2	3	..	5	500	230	7	809	105	1	553	67 47	142 53	2,900 00	Hoboken, N. J.
Third, Hackensack....	Louis Goebel.....	82	5	...	1	..	2	86	81	...	.....	16	1	152	21 84	.....	950 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City.....	Henry Ward...	70	2	...	2	..	2	122	2	...	.....	90	1	125	93 11	.....	1,523 93	Closter, N. J.
Palisades.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	35	1	3	....	..	1	43	2	...	.....	30	2	83	43 00	.....	687 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenburg.....	Thomas Morton.....	17	1	...	1	9	...	40	3	...	.....	115	1	115	3 00	.....	424 87	Guttenburg, N. J.
CentralAv.,JerseyCity	Charles S. Wright.....	100	10	12	15	..	5	180	16	1	.....	227	1	350	236 19	40 75	2,163 73	Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill.....	J. Ferg'n Harris (s.c.)	50	....	..	1	..	...	47	3	...	.....	.....	1	118	109 40	14 21	1,321 40	New Bridge, N. J.
Secaucus	Vacant.....	*36	....	..	..	..	..	.....	....	...	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	Secaucus, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	J. Ferg'n Harris (s.s.)	22	3	..	..	..	...	26	....	...	.....	.....	1	53	25 40	.....	195 32	New Bridge, N. J.
Westwood.....	David M. Talmage....	53	4	13	..	..	1	57	5	1	12	124	1	143	152 35	10 47	1,527 53	Westwood, N. J.
	Total.....	1,470	170	78	51	9	36	2,620	392	26	1,101	1,391	21	4,128	$5,642 00	$1,860 00	$38,881 57	

*Last year's report.

Other Ministers—William R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island, New York; William C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland County, Va.; James H. Ballagh, missionary, Kanagawa, Japan; Isaac E. House, Nyack, N. Y.

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Bergen	Cornelius Brett	270	113	23	10	..	8	532	31	37	200	394	2	642	$2,118 00	$7,736 00	509 Bergen Av., Jer. City.
First, Jersey City	Vacant	...	...	...	8	..	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
First, Bayonne	William W. Knox	180	7	23	13	..	1	314	22	2	350	400	2	645	503 14	6,477 00	Bayonne.
Wayne St., Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	110	7	5	3	..	4	207	7	2	60	192	1	297	882 11	4,773 24	288 Barrow St., "
Bergen Point	James F. Riggs	75	7	...	6	..	1	128	5	3	50	100	1	186	1,200 00	3,600 00	53 Lord Av., Bayonne.
Second, Hudson City	E. A. Meury	152	29	3	2	..	16	372	51	3	517	87	1	635	213 52	1,823 79	14 Sherman Pl., Jer. City.
Lafayette	William R. Duryee (s. c.)	95	18	8	1	..	3	180	20	3	100	160	1	265	1,200 00	4,975 00	239 Pacific Av., "
Greenville	William P. Bruce	130	21	17	14	..	4	216	12	4	52	220	1	340	716 41	2,765 52	110 Linden Av., "
Free, Jersey City	Albert A. Zabriskie	74	7	6	4	2	...	180	18	...	...	...	1	353	75 60	2,800 00	119 Grand St., "
Third, Bayonne	Gottlieb Andraea (s. s.)	63	101	...	27	..	3	147	25	...	25	25	1	200	50 00	600 00	48 Fairview Av., "
South Bergen	Vacant	84	7	2	1	..	2	177	2	...	177	...	1	299	47 50	2,274 96	...
First Ger. Ev., Jersey City	John Stachli	64	6	...	2	..	3	149	81	...	368	18	1	281	80 00	2,119 85	170 Mercer St., "
St. John's Ger. Ev., Bergen	Gottlieb Andraea	71	20	...	10	..	2	158	40	...	100	20	1	225	111 38	1,919 56	48 Fairview Av., "
	Total	1,368	343	87	101	2	47	2,818	314	54	1,999	1,614	14	4,368	$7,197 66	$41,864 92	

Other Ministers—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theology School, Tokyo, Japan.

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First Freehold	J. Henry Bertholf	92	4	3	2	..	1	249	...	...	....	150	2	200	$135 00	$91 00	$1,820 93	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Holmdel	Wm. Relley, Emeritus / Andrew Hageman,	105	28	2	3	..	1	189	10	12	....	80	1	148	413 00	70 00	2,091 18	Freehold, " " " / Holmdel, " " "
Spotswood	Cyril Spaulding	35	8	11	...	...	1	70	5	3	46	15	1	60	71 00	.....	650 00	38 Parkhurst St., Newark, N.J. and Spotswood, Mid'sex Co.
Middletown	Charles D. Buck	33	5	1	...	...	...	82	1	2	....	....	....	.....	170 00	25 00	1,060 16	Middletown, Monm'th Co., N. J.,
Second Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	102	14	4	12	..	3	270	7	9	....	160	1	160	3,031 00	124 00	2,059 62	Freehold, " " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	53	10	1	...	..	2	79	...	5	30	20	1	75	40 00	.....	585 34	Keyport, " " "
Long Branch	James B. Campbell	95	18	17	..	...	...	175	13	9	....	....	1	150	53 00	17 00	2,149 07	Long Branch, " " "
Colts Neck	George W. Labaw	92	8	...	8	1	2	164	2	5	112	25	1	90	148 00	12 00	1,023 14	Colts Neck, " " "
Highlands	Henry Boggis	26	7	...	...	...	...	17	2	...	....	....	1	97	75 00	62 00	162 20	Highlands, " " "
Asbury Park	Vacant	64	4	10	18	..	1	*69	2	...	....	....	1	68	40 00	.....	295 80	
	Total	697	106	49	43	1	11	1,364	42	45	188	450	10	1,048	$4,776 00	$401 00	$11,897 44	

*Revised Roll.

Other Ministers—Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Edward Cornet, suspended from the ministry.

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			Rec'd.														
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Tot'l Enrollment	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville	William J. Leggett	144	4	4	15	..	3	*192	7	1	....	200	2	234	$ 621 12	$2,787 11	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First, Newark	Thomas C. Easton	173	20	26	17	1	6	450	5	4	....	.....	2	520	2,465 00	8,709 00	Newark, " " "
Irvington	Henry Vehslage (S. C.)	90	5	9	8	..	1	166	2	4	....	75	1	210	50 00	1,800 00	Irvington, " " "
Second, Newark	John A. Davis	175	35	28	24	3	7	216	6	7	....	248	1	350	400 91	2,638 03	Newark, " " "
Franklin	Benjamin C. Miller	100	1	....	....	..	....	83	3	1	118	53	1	65	20 00	600 00	Franklin, " " "
North, Newark	David Waters	280	15	20	8	..	11	596	....	....	....	553	2	946	18,839 90	11,543 45	Newark, " " "
West, Newark	Carl Girtanner	90	28	3	4	..	2	280	40	2	20	40	1	290	30 00	1 860 00	" " " "
Clinton Avenue, Newark	William J. R. Taylor	164	28	11	18	..	7	414	6	5	....	.....	2	655	2,309 37	5,975 97	" " " "
Trinity, Newark	Richard P. Milliken	60	17	3	3	..	2	115	8	1	70	90	1	250	89 60	1,031 00	" " " "
Linden	Supplied	30	2	4	4	..	....	66	5	1	....	.....	1	96	25 86	748 13	
Christ, Woodside	Charles H. Jones	136	11	39	5	..	2	173	7	3	....	184	1	251	506 84	4,152 10	" " " "
Stone House Plains	William G. E. Sec	45	.....	.....	1	..	2	72	....	....	....	.....	1	127	70 00	1,500 00	Brookdale, " " "
Orange	George S. Bishop	240	28	21	17	2	10	524	12	6	....	329	1	408	1,496 85	5,771 27	East Orange, " " "
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	200	38	41	14	..	3	410	4	19	....	.....	1	360	1,130 00	5,400 00	Plainfield, Union Co., N. J.
German, Plainfield	Frederick Koechli	38	14	2	....	....	....	73	24	....	24	2	1	70	58 00	708 00	" " " "
	Total	1,965	246	211	138	6	56	3,830	129	53	232	1,774	19	4,872	$28,812 96	$55,222 06	

*Revised list.

Other Ministers—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N J.; Oscar Gresner, Linden, N. J.; John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.; John H. Jansen, 344 Summer Avenue, Newark, N. J.; Ralph W. Brokaw, 20 Buckingham Street, Springfield, Mass.

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First, New Brunswick	Philetus T. Pockman	300	41	24	27	3	12	683	25	15	.....	460	1	539	$1,713 00	$1,744 00	$4,569 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six-Mile-Run	Henry D. B. Mulford	151	16	6	12	4	12	*288	5	3	97	65	6	338	298 00	1,124 00	1,669 00	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Theodore Shafer	140	19	3	13	..	3	286	3	...	153	100	7	200	205 00	160 00	1,228 00	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush	James Le Fevre	80	6	1	10	..	3	174	2	2	90	90	1	120	62 00	338 00	1,420 00	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown	Robert V. Palmer	51	4	..	3	..	3	116	1	1	.....	28	2	88	25 00	243 00	1,022 00	Griggstown, N. J.
Second, N. Brunswick	Manelus H. Hutton	175	15	16	8	..	8	*397	7	2	200	210	2	318	879 00	1,399 00	8,395 00	126 Union st., N. Brunsw'k
Bound Brook	Jas. T. Schock (s. s.)	40	1	4	2	..	4	78	...	1	.....	25	1	145	107 00	87 00	891 00	Bloomington, N. J.
Third, New Brunswick	Carl Meyer (s. s.)	11	1	.....	.....	..	2	25	3	...	14	.....	.....	.....	28 00	50 00	50 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam	70	10	4	7	..	2	145	3	2	.....	30	1	100	59 00	139 00	1,050 00	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	Garret Wyckoff	60	3	2	6	.....	.....	122	...	1	35	.....	2	175	5 00	116 00	2,035 00	Metuchen, N. J.
Suydam St., N. Brun'k	Wm. H. Campbell	72	9	14	1	..	1	132	11	2	.....	.....	1	170	75 00	75 00	3,668 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
	Total	1,150	126	74	89	7	50	2,446	60	29	†589	†1,008	24	2,193	$3,956 00	$5,475 00	$25,997 00	

* Revised list. † Incomplete. ‡ $3,500 toward lot for lecture room.

Other Ministers—Jacob Cooper, T. Sanford Doolittle, Ralph Willis, E. T. Corwin (s. c.), John L. See, all of New Brunswick, N. J.; William H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Pachogue, N. Y.; A. F. Todd, Bergen Point, N. J.; Eugene S. Booth, Yokohama, Japan.

Candidates—DeWitt T. Reiley, Lewistown, Pa.; Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.; Alex. G. Van Aken.

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			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Tot'l Enrollment	Schemes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Aquackanonck	John Gaston	150	4	4	4	6	6	378	26	1	250	150	1	350	$1,484 00	$677 00	$4,608 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	N. H. Van Arsdale	100	7	4	5	3	3	195	2	2	153	179	1	205	428 00	91 00	4,516 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Centerville	Anson Du Bois	30	1	....	12	..	1	15	3	1	.....	45	1	100	31 00	.....	1,467 00	Athenia, Passaic Co., N. J.
Clarkstown	Vacant	75	....	4	....	..	2	103	2	...	68	.....	1	103	143 00	48 00	1,346 00	Mt. Moor, Rockland Co., N. Y.
First Holland, Pat'rson	James Huyssoon	80	4	1	11	..	7	133	15	...	202	44	1	96	67 00	73 00	1,167 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	45	2	13	10	..	...	67	10	...	160	20	1	63	33 00	.....	453 00	Lodi, Bergen Co , N. J.
Holland, Passaic	.....	130	2	2	....	4	5	192	26	...	26	.....	....	110	57 00	.....	.....	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Wortendyke	J. Diephuis	102	3	9	....	..	1	262	31	...	451	141	4	141	26 00	20 00	1,369 00	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
North, Passaic	J. Henry Whitehead	90	14	17	17	..	2	251	8	4	280	335	1	335	479 00	560 00	3,482 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Nyack	J. C. Van Deventer, S. C.	160	5	11	2	..	3	329	7	3	170	199	1	222	1,026 00	112 00	3,502 00	Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Paramus	William H. Vroom	105	5	3	3	..	4	185	5	...	137	80	1	161	266 00	19 00	3,079 00	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	100	2	5	5	..	1	142	10	...	.....	150	1	150	131 00	5 00	1,793 00	Park Ridge, Bergen Co., N. J.
Piermont	J. Russell Verbrycke	55	6	1	1	..	2	125	....	1	.....	86	1	86	265 00	85 00	2,212 00	Piermont, Rockland Co., N.Y.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	60	5	....	....	3	1	97	3	1	.....	75	1	80	86 00	.....	700 00	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramseys	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ramseys, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	75	5	12	12	..	1	137	4	...	60	80	1	175	113 00	13 00	1,846 00	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Saddle River	William N. Todd	54	4	....	3	..	1	82	3	1	132	64	1	64	23 00	.....	858 00	Saddle River, Bergen Co., N.J.
Second, Lodi	James Bolton	36	4	9	....	....	....	63	12	...	60	146	1	161	40 00	21 00	1,270 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Second, Totowa	John H Duryea, P. E. / Theo W. Welles	156	10	5	5	..	3	300	9	4	180	.....	1	435	413 00	12 00	3,249 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Spring Valley	Cornelius E. Crispell	89	4	4	15	1	4	120	8	2	56	146	1	169	205 00	18 00	1,494 00	Spring Valley, Rock'd Co., N.Y.
Tappan	W. H. Williamson	100	2	5	1	..	1	175	4	...	100	50	3	273	112 00	17 00	1,673 00	Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Warwick	Peter Crispell	125	22	19	7	..	7	212	8	13	52	87	1	108	1,064 00	125 00	1,914 00	Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.
West New Hempstead	Vacant	40	23	1	1	..	2	*92	....	12	22	.....	1	112	83 00	.....	649 00	Monsey, Rockland Co., N. Y.
	Total	1,957	134	129	119	8	57	3,655	198	45	2,169	2,077	26	3,599	$6,575 00	$1,896 00	$42,647 00	

Other Ministers—Robert M. Offord, New York *Observer*, 37 and 38 Park Place, New York City; C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.

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Boardville	Vacant	21	...	...	...	..	1	20	...	...	.....	73	1	78	.....	$ 179 00	Midvale, Passaic Co., N. J.
Boonton	Clarence M. Perlee	58	4	2	3	..	3	74	5	3	26	.....	1	79	$ 97 67	1,372 97	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield	Vacant	67	15	...	2	..	2	190	8	...	.....	.....	1	102	112 78	1,034 75	Fairfield, Essex Co., N. J.
Franklin Furnace	Gilbert S. Garretson	40	1	5	4	...	...	23	1	...	22	.....	1	149	97 73	707 00	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co.
Little Falls	Jacob O. Van Fleet	70	4	2	3	...	...	*136	3	...	.....	.....	1	102	119 74	2,189 94	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.
Montville	Vacant	81	2	2	...	..	5	143	4	...	.....	.....	1	84	86 00	964 32	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
6th Pat'rs'n (Holland)	E. Van Hetloo	449	50	33	...	...	8	514	64	....	1,075	615	1	625	369 00	2,870 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Pompton Plains	Henry W. Teller	145	5	2	2	..	4	293	6	3	.....	115	5	380	571 00	2,000 00	Pompton Plains, Morris Co.
Pompton	John A. Trimmer	185	12	9	3	..	5	185	2	5	20	75	2	200	360 00	1,600 00	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.
Ponds	Vacant	72	6	...	...	...	3	76	1	...	.....	.....	1	85	.....	1,048 94	Oakland, Bergen Co., N. J.
Preakness	Theo. A. Beekman (S. S.)	48	13	1	2	..	1	93	9	6	121	5	2	130	212 25	902 11	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Riverside, Paterson	Albert A. King (S. C.)	65	6	18	...	...	...	64	10	3	19	.....	1	275	92 32	1,351 61	" " " "
1st Totowa, Paterson	J. Lemoyn Danner	100	13	2	2	..	2	245	15	1	.....	180	1	260	273 84	2,900 00	" " " "
Union Ref'd, Paterson	H. E. Nies	234	19	22	6	2	5	349	39	....	704	170	1	365	235 25	2,069 35	" " " "
Wyckoff	William E. Faulkner	85	5	...	7	..	2	*92	1	1	.....	.....	1	121	96 00	1,603 44	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.
	Total	1,720	155	98	34	2	41	2,497	168	22	1,887	1,233	21	3,035	$2,723 59	$22,793 43	

* Revised Roll.

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, County Superintendent of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.

Candidates.—Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y.

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N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	135	3	...	4	..	7	232	7	1	171	90	*5	376	$526 00	$1,500 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip	142	7	8	13	..	5	285	11	4	....	....	*5	200	222 97	2,548 29	Harlingen, New Jersey.
Neshanic	John Hart	145	11	13	29	..	5	253	6	2	150	50	4	325	394 38	1,740 25	Neshanic, New Jersey.
First Philadelphia	P. H. Milliken	100	15	6	1	..	3	272	3	1	....	....	1	321	1,298 00	7,098 00	1216 Spring Garden St., Phila., Pa.
Second Philadelphia	William H. Clark	236	27	1	2	..	4	412	22	8	....	230	2	559	1,856 00	5,669 00	517 Brown St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Fourth Philadelphia	Theodore W. Welles	140	33	7	3	..	2	373	17	5	....	200	2	530	590 37	3,249 17	145 Grape St., 21st Ward, Phila., Pa.
Blawenburg	W. B. Voorhees	89	5	2	5	..	1	171	4	2	....	20	1	150	205 31	1,229 26	Blawenburg, New Jersey.
Stanton	Adrian Westveer	80	7	1	8	..	3	170	1	...	....	50	1	50	174 00	899 00	Stanton, New Jersey.
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogart	75	2	4	5	..	1	125	2	1	....	....	1	60	54 30	900 00	Clover Hill, New Jersey.
Third Philadelphia	Vacant	13	3	...	4	2	...	31	1	...	....	....	1	*31	.....	432 56	857 North Broad St., Phila., Pa.
Rocky Hill	J. E. Crane	65	....	5	2	..	3	123	3	...	....	....	1	97	193 46	963 88	Rocky Hill, New Jersey.
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	165	8	...	...	..	1	237	80	...	....	32	1	367	202 00	2,174 72	2223 E. Susquehanna Av., Phila., Pa.
Addisville	S. O. Lawsing	50	10	2	...	..	1	110	....	1	56	....	3	168	189 24	1,016 08	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Three Bridges	Eugene Hill	71	2	5	2	..	3	134	2	...	....	112	1	126	77 93	798 58	Three Bridges, New Jersey.
	Total	1,508	133	54	78	2	39	2,928	159	25	377	784	29	3,360	$5 983 96	$30,213 79	

*1 Union. †Revised List. ‡1 Union.

Other Ministers—Abm. R. Van Nest, 208 5th Ave., New York City; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm; A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

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First Raritan	J. Preston Searle	210	15	24	5	..	12	452	9	1	....	.....	1	350	$1,602 00	$121 00	$5,677 00	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	195	9	8	16	..	9	265	6	6	155	56	4	250	304 00	101 00	1,750 00	Readington, Hunterdon Co., "
Bedminster	John S. McNair	102	7	3	7	..	6	217	1	...	80	.....	1	150	581 00	143 00	1,200 00	Bedminster, Somerset Co., N. J.
Lebanon	William E. Davis	212	8	2	6	..	8	272	8	1	....	.....	2	215	135 00	92 00	1,708 00	Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., N. J.
Rockaway	Marion T. Conklin	104	9	5	.....	2	..	236	3	...	....	.....	5	118	113 00	12 00	1,325 00	White House, Hunterdon Co.
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	123	1	4	16	..	3	180	5	...	....	85	2	140	410 00	84 00	1,118 00	North Branch, Somerset Co.
Second Raritan	Edward G. Read	208	7	16	13	1	8	530	9	3	....	175	2	489	770 00	301 00	4,396 00	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Peapack	George Davis	115	5	8	7	1	5	*191	3	...	....	100	2	110	60 00	45 00	1,981 00	Peapack, Somerset Co., N. J.
Branchville	Joel Loucks	106	5	5	10	..	4	224	2	...	....	.....	1	139	300 00	33 00	1,295 00	South Branch, Somerset Co.
Third Raritan	William H. De Hart	135	6	10	14	..	7	292	5	1	....	241	1	241	504 00	66 00	2,295 00	Raritan, Somerset Co., N. J.
Pottersville	George J. Van Neste	61	1	3	7	..	1	113	....	1	26	30	1	102	.....	99 00	1,255 00	Pottersville, Hunterdon Co.
High Bridge	Vacant	72	26	7	3	..	2	128	....	8	....	115	1	.....	101 00	30 00	945 00	High Bridge, Hunterdon Co.
Annandale	William J. Henderson	59	.....	.....	1	..	1	97	1	...	....	.....	1	100	76 00	21 00	1,331 00	Annandale, Hunterdon Co.
Fourth Raritan. (Ger.)	Supplied	30	5	....	9	..	1	56	14	...	....	.....	....	115	16 00	.....	152 60	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
	Total	1,732	104	95	114	4	67	3,053	66	21	261	802	24	2,519	$4,972 00	$1,146 00	$26,428 00	

*Roll Revised and 10 names put on Retired List.

Other Ministers—Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; H. F. Schneidreuseler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, N. J.; John F. Mesick (S. C.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Abram N. Wyckoff, Bedminster, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Secy. of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; George M. S. Blauvelt, Easton, Penn.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Number of Families.	REC'D. On Confession.	REC'D. On Certificate.	Dismissed	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAPTIZED. Infants.	BAPTIZED. Adults.	BAPTIZED. Total	Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. and S.S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. and S.S. Number of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. and S.S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Schemes of the Church.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Bergen	18	21	..	1470	170	78	51	9	36	2620	392	26	1101		1391	21	4128	$5,642 00	$1,860 00	$38,881 57	J. F. Harris.
So. Classis of Bergen	13	12	..	1368	343	87	101	2	47	2818	314	54	1999		1614	14	4368	.....	7,197 66	41,864 92	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	11	..	697	106	49	43	1	11	1364	42	45	188		450	10	1048	4,776 00	401 00	11,897 44	Andrew Hegeman.
Classis of Newark	15	20	..	1965	246	211	138	6	56	3830	129	53	232		1774	19	4872	.....	28,812 96	55,222 00	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of N. Br'nswk	11	20	3	1150	126	74	89	7	50	2446	60	29	589		1008	24	2193	3,956 00	5,475 00	25,997 00	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus	23	27	..	1957	134	129	119	8	57	3655	198	45	2619		2077	26	3599	6,575 00	1,896 00	42,647 00	John C. Van Deventer.
Classis of Passaic	15	13	..	1720	155	98	34	2	41	2497	168	22	1887		1233	21	3035	.....	2,723 58	22,793 43	Albert A. King.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	16	..	1506	133	54	78	2	39	2928	159	25	377		784	29	3360	.....	5,983 96	30,213 79	William B. Voorhees.
Classis of Raritan	14	21	..	1732	104	95	144	4	67	3053	66	21	261		802	24	2519	4,972 00	1,146 00	26,428 00	John F. Mesick.
Total	133	156	3	13585	1517	875	797	41	404	25911	1528	320	9253		11133	188	29122	$25,921 00	$55,496 16	$295,945 21	

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

Classis of Bergen.—Your committee on the Records of the Classis of Bergen would report the following: 1. That the records are neatly kept, and so far as your committee knows, the acts correctly entered. 2. They would note that the Classis has appointed a committee on systematic beneficence to correspond with the General Synod Committee. 3. Answers to constitutional inquiries in Classis are, to question 2: 9 answer yes, 7 no, and 2 no answer to any question by reason of no representatives present. To question 3: 14 answer yes and 2 no.

W. J. HENDERSON,
ISAAC VAN HORN.

Classis of South Bergen.—The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the South Classis of Bergen, report that they have examined the minutes and find nothing calling for the special attention of this Synod.

WM. N. TODD, *Chairman.*

Classis of Monmouth.—Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Monmouth, find them in order.

EUGENE HILL,
JESSE CORNELL.

Classis of Newark.—The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Newark, respectfully report that they have examined said minutes and find nothing demanding special attention.

GEORGE W. LABAW, *Chairman.*
W. H. YEOMANS.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Your committee on the minutes of New Brunswick beg leave to report that the minutes are not here, and the minutes not being presented last year, would recommend that the Classis be requested to present their book of minutes for examination at the next meeting of the Synod.

A. A. KING, *Chairman.*

Classis of Paramus.—Committee on minutes of the Classis of Paramus find them properly kept. W. G. E. SEE.

Classis of Passaic.—The committee on the minutes of the Classis of Passaic find nothing irregular.

THEODORE SHAFER,
DAVID T. POLHEMUS.

Classis of Philadelphia.—The committee appointed to examine the classical record of the Classis of Philadelphia, would report that they have examined the record and have found it correctly and neatly kept. J. R. VERBRYCKE.

Classis of Raritan.—Committee on minutes of Classis of Raritan respectfully report that we find the minutes in good order and well kept. W. J. LEGGETT.

The committee to report on the answers to Constitutional Questions Nos. 2 and 3 submit the following:

	QUESTION 2.			QUESTION 3.		
	Yes.	No.	Blank.	Yes.	No.	Blank.
Bergen,	9	7	2	14	2	2
South Bergen,	9	1	3	10		3
Monmouth,	4	6		9	1	
Newark,	11	4		14	1	
New Brunswick,	—	–	–	—	–	
Paramus,	14	6	3	13		10
Passaic,	6	4	5	5	5	5
Philadelphia,	6	5	3	12	2	
Raritan,	13	1	1	13	1	1
	—	—	—	—	—	—
	72	34	17	90	12	21

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. LEGETT.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

None occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

The following report from the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Judicial Business beg leave to report as follows:

There has been referred to them an appeal of R. B. Davidson against certain action of the Classis of Philadelphia.

With this appeal they have received a number of documents purporting to refer to the case. In order that the Synod may understand the action which we are prepared to recommend, it will be necessary to lay before it a brief statement of the point at issue. At a meeting of the Classis of Philadelphia, held

December 27, 1888, Mr. R. B. Davidson, a member of the Third Church of Philadelphia, presented a petition that Classis would investigate a charge that Mr. Geo. F. Gorden was not a member of the church, and accordingly could not lawfully hold office as elder in its consistory. Other matters and charges were included, but as the acts complained of seem to depend as to their legality or illegality on the above question of fact, it is not necessary to detail them at present. On response the Classis at the meeting held April 9, 1889, replied in effect that they considered the question as beyond their jurisdiction in its then condition, as they held that each consistory had original jurisdiction as to the real standing of those who claim to be members of the church which was under its oversight. Against this decision or constitutional law the appellant, considering himself aggrieved, appeals to this Synod. Your committee find the appeal in order and recommend that it be brought to an issue and tried by Synod as the appellant desires, as it is his clear right to have done.

We further report that in taking up the appeal, the appellant having in our judgment conducted it regularly, so far as applicable we recommend in accordance with the rules of order the following method of procedure:

1st. The sentence of Classis appealed from shall be read.

2d. The appeal and the reasons of appeal which bear on the case shall be read.

3d. The appellant shall be heard.

4th. The commissioner primarius or secundus of the lower judication from which appeal is made shall be heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision and the manner of their proceeding in the case.

5th. The appellant shall be heard in reply.

It will be noticed that your committee omit from this order the usual lemma "that all the documents in the case shall be read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Judicial Business."

The reason for this is that your committee do not think that there are any other documents than those above enumerated which "are in the case."

A number of documents it is true have been put in their

hands—some by the appellant and one by the Commissioner of Classis and only signed by him. But they all relate to matters of fact on which no testimony has been taken in any lower judication as yet, and on which no such judication has passed any opinion whatsoever. It would seem obviously improper for this body to give an opinion in an appeal case on matters where no judgment or sentence is in existence to appeal from.

Some of these will necessarily be mentioned in the reading of the appeal and reasons—which document contains much matter which appears to be irrelevant to the exact action of Classis complained of. Your committee, however, recommend that no further reference to these matters be allowed to either party in the case, but that the president of the court hold both strictly to the one point at issue—viz.: the sentence of the Classis who is complained of.

It will be observed further that your committee advise that reasons of appeal which bear on the case be read in their order. The Rules of Order (see § 7, p. 62, of Constitution) say that the order of proceeding shall be observed as far as practicable.

Your committee are of opinion that the reasons of appeal as above stated comprise some details, concerning which the question may be raised whether they bear at all on the particular point at issue and whether they do not introduce matters which are irrelevant thereto. This is a question which this committee has no right to decide, but which is subject to the decision of this Synod, either directly or by its presiding officer. To arrest the reading of any such sections of the reasons of appeal will not work any damage to the appellant, since in any case these details of fact cannot be dealt with on the floor of this Synod in their present shape. The question before us on the appeal simply is as to the righteousness of the action of the Classis. If the appeal be sustained it will become the duty of this Synod to enjoin on the Classis to proceed and try the case as a court of original jurisdiction, in which event the details alluded to will be much to the point. If the appeal be not sustained the appellant will be directed to go back and begin with *Consistory* as a court of original jurisdiction, in which case the details will again be much to the point. Thus in either case they will be duly entertained and considered. But the question now before the Synod is simply as to where the com-

plainant should begin. So that your committee advise that all investigations be strictly confined by this Synod.

All of which is duly submitted.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON,
CORNELIUS BRETT,
JNO. DUNCAN.

In accordance with this report of the committee the case was brought to trial. After the President had conformed to the Constitution (see Rules of Order No. 23) the case was presented through the appellant's counsel, the Rev. S. Streng, at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday. The Synod then heard the answer of the Classis of Philadelphia by the Rev. W. H. Clark, D.D., one of the duly certified commissioners.

The appellant made no reply, submitting the case without argument. After this the Synod was offered an opportunity to seek information. The parties in the case were requested to withdraw. The roll was called. The Synod expressed itself by moving to confirm the decision of the Classis of Philadelphia. The motion was unanimously carried. By resolution of Synod, the Committee on Judicial Business formulated the following as the reasons for this action, viz.:

The committee appointed to draft the reasons of the decision of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick in the case of the appeal of R. B. Davidson against the action of the Classis of Philadelphia at the session of April 9, 1889, submit the following for adoption by the Synod:

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick confirm the action of the Classis in deciding that it is not the prerogative of Classis, but of Consistory, to have original jurisdiction over the status of members of the church in which such consistory hold office, for the following reasons:

1st. The Constitution plainly provided

(a) That it is the office of the elders in conjunction with the ministers of the Word to exercise Christian discipline (Art. 4, § 1).

(b) That an elder may be dismissed from office by a judicial sentence of Consistory (Art. 4, § 6), thus showing that the board of elders have original jurisdiction in such cases.

(c) That in exercising discipline upon those who have erred

from the faith or offended in morals the elders have a voice as distinguished from the deacons. (Art. 6, § 2.)

(d) That Art. 6, Sec. 5, embracing the article known as "the Constitutional Questions," commits such questions as that originally raised by the appellant to the elders and not to the Classis.

(e) That the power of Classis are clearly defined as limited to a *general* superintendence over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several churches and an appellant supervising power over the acts, proceedings and decisions of the consistories relative to Christian discipline. (Art. 7, § 2.)

(f) That it is provided that in case any gross offence is committed by an elder, the consistory shall immediately proceed to his trial, and upon conviction he shall be forthwith suspended from his office, (Art. 12, § 10), by which provision an elder is put upon a different footing in this respect from a minister, the latter being referred to Classis directly. (Art. 12, § 9.)

These six provisions of the Constitution seem to this Synod decisive, the more as there is no evidence before Synod that the original complaint of the appellant never was brought before the consistory of his church, a majority of which body hold their office unchallenged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON,
CORNELIUS BRETT,
JOHN DUNCAN.

It was moved that Revs. M. H. Hutton, D.D., Primarius, and C. Brett, Secundus, be appointed commissioners to represent this Synod in the case of an appeal to the General Synod.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Sunday issues of the secular press are exer-

cising a very injurious influence upon the proper observance of the weekly day of rest and worship, breaking down its sanctity and interfering with the attendance upon the House of God, and

WHEREAS, It is often claimed that these issues are favorably regarded by Christian people and even by communicating members of the church; therefore

Resolved, That we overture the General Synod to consider the propriety of a deliverance, not in the way of judicial censure, but earnestly request all who love our Lord, and care for the interest of His cause, to refuse to read, to buy or to advertise in Sunday newspapers and in every possible way to discountenance these issues.

The Standing Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

The Committee on Temperance would respectfully report:

No separate meeting of the committee has been held during the year, but two conferences with the Temperance Committees of other ecclesiastical bodies have been held at Trenton, N. J.

There has been no change in the policy of the Church Temperance Commission during the year.

The chairman of the committee representing the commission and the churches of New Jersey appeared before a joint session of the Senate and House of Assembly of New Jersey to plead for the retention of the Local Option and High License Law, which had been enacted during the previous session.

The efforts of the commission were unsuccessful, and the law has been so amended as to do away with its best features. Your committee, are, however, hopeful of an increase in the temperance sentiment of the state, which will demand at an early date more stringent measures for restricting the traffic in strong drink.

Your committee would recommend a reaffirmation of previous declarations of this Synod, which have already placed the churches of our communion on record in opposition to the evils of intemperance.

CORNELIUS BRETT, *Chairman of Committee.*

The following Committee of Conference and Co-operation on Temperance were appointed for the ensuing year, viz:

REV. C. BRETT,
" T. C. EASTON, D. D.,
" C. H. POOL.
ELDER R. B. FERRIS,
" MARTIN SENDERLING.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USUAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

It was resolved that this Lemma be stricken out and the subsequent ones numbered accordingly.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., presented credentials as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, which were received, and Dr. Chambers was heard on Wednesday forenoon at 10 o'clock. He was followed by Dr. Mandeville of the Board of Education, who spoke of the Synod concerning its interests. After this the Synod listened to the Rev. J. P. Searle, who urged the interests of the Board of Domestic Missions, and the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARDS.

The Synod having heard with much pleasure the Rev. Drs. Chambers, Mandeville and the Rev. J. P. Searle, representatives of the Foreign Educational and Domestic Mission Boards, cordially thank these brethren for their able addresses which they have delivered and would earnestly commend our great missionary and educational schemes to the increased liberality of the churches under the care of this Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a standing committee on Systematic Beneficence to correspond with General Synod's

Committee and aid them in the study of the beneficence of the church.

The Rev. W. J. Henderson, Rev. W. H. Clark, D. D., and Elder C. H. Hine, were appointed such committee.

ARTICLE XVII.

TREASURY.

The Treasurers' Report was received, read and referred to Committee on Treasurer's Report.

The following is the report:

NYACK, N. Y., May 6th, 1889.

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*, in account with the PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Respectfully reports as follows:

1888. May 1,	To balance in Treasury		87 27
" " 2	" Cash received from Rev Mr. Manchee, Treas. of Classis of Bergen, arrears for 1887,		12 00
" Sept. 6	" Cash received from Rev. J. C. Van Deventer, Treas. of Classis of Paramus,		40 00
" Oct. 17	" Cash received from Rev. P. M. Doolittle, Treas. of Classis of Raritan,		37 00
" " 25	" Cash received from Rev. A. McWilliams, Treas. of Classis of New Brunswick,		20 00
" Dec. 26	" Cash received from Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Treas. of Classis of Monmouth,	16 00	
	To cash for arrearage 1887,	8 00	24 00
1889. Jan. 8	" Cash received from Rev. S. H. Vaughn, Treas. of South Classis of Bergen,		25 00
" Mar. 11	" Cash rec'd from Rev. H. Vehslage, Treas. of Classis of Newark,		26 00
" " 25	" Cash received from Rev. A. A. King, Treas. of Classis of Passaic,		30 00
" Aprl. 17	" Cash received from Rev. Wm. H. Clark, Treas. of Classis of Philadelphia,		36 00
			$337 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

1888. June 14.	Paid Unionist-Gazette Association	99 68	
" " 20	" Rev. Chas. H. Pool	57 00	$156 68
Balance in Treasury May 6, 1889			$180 59

UNPAID.

Classis of Bergen, $24 00

The Committee appointed to report on the Treasurer's ac-

counts would present the following: The accounts have been examined and compared with the vouchers and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ZABRISKIE.

Report was adopted and the usual assessments recommended for the ensuing year, and that the sexton of this church be paid for his services.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod appointed 9 o'clock a. m. and 2:30 p. m. and 8 p. m. as the hours of *meeting*, and 12 m. and 5 p. m. as the hours of *adjournment*. The first hour after the opening of Synod and the first half-hour of each daily session hereafter, were occupied with devotional services according to the rules.

At the first session of Synod the Rev. J. Good, D. D., of the German Reformed Church of Philadelphia, the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., of New York, and the Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D. D. of New York, who were present, were invited to sit with the Synod as corresponding members.

The following subject was selected as the theme for the special address before the Synod of 1890, viz: "Latent Possibilities of the Local Church." Preacher Primarius, Rev. J. C. Van Deventer. Secundus, P. T. Pockman.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Synod and the congregation unitedly on Wednesday p. m. at 2:30 o'clock. The services was conducted and liturgy read by Rev. J. P. Searle, President of Synod. The Rev. D. Waters, D. D., administered the bread, and Rev. W. P. Bruce gave the cup, assisted by Elders Hiram Garretson, W. D. Holmes, G. Van Nostrand, and C. W. Miller.

The Stated Clerk having accepted a call to Hope Congregational church, at Springfield, Mass., resigned his office, the resignation to take place after the work of this Synod is completed. The Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw was elected his successor. It was moved that the salary of the Stated Clerk hereafter be $100 per annum. It was also

Resolved, That at this session, and hereafter, the sexton's compensation be $10.

Four hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes were ordered printed.

It was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and heartily tendered to the Pastor and Consistory of the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia for the use of their church edifice for the meetings of the Synod, to the choir of the church for their valuable services, and to the families of the First and Second Churches of this city for their entertainment of members at their hospitable homes.

By appointment of the last Synod, Rev. C. Brett preached the special discourse on Wednesday evening, on the topic assigned, "Should Ministers and Elders Regard it their Duty to Enter Actively Into Politics for the Advancement of Temperance or other Moral Reforms."

ARTICLE XIX.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following, having been nominated by the Classis, were confirmed:

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jno. Austin,	Elder Albert O. Bogert,
" J. F. Harris,	" Helene Durie,
" Andrew B. Taylor,	" Thom. M. Ward.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. H. Suydam, D.D.,	Elder R. Gardner,
" Lewis Goebel,	" Thos. Rae,
" C. S. Wright,	" Jacob J. Demarest.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.,	Elder Jno. Van Horne,
" J. F. Riggs,	" Cor. C. VanReypen,
" W. W. Knox,	" Geo. Carragan.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. Andraea,	Elder Jacob Ringle,
" W. R. Duryee, D.D.,	" T. F. Morris, D.D.,
" A. A. Zabriskie,	" J. C. Lindsay.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. Spaulding,	Elder Edward Ford,
" H. Boggis,	" Jno. F. Wright.
" A. Hegeman,	" H. G. Cook, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. B. Campbell,	Elder A. T. Van der Veer,
" J. H. Berthalf,	" D. P. Conover,
" W. Reiley, D.D.,	" Geo. C. Beekman.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James LeFevre,	Elder Jno. DeMott,
" H. D. B. Mulford,	" P. I. Voorhees,
" R. V. Palmer,	" Lawrence Vanderveer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. T. Corwin,	Elder S. V. D. Nevins,
" M. H. Hutton, D.D.,	" H. Garretson,
" A. McWilliam,	" M. Staats.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. D. Waters, D. D.,	Elder Jno. Duncan,
" Henry Vehslage, D.D.,	" R. B. Ferris,
" W. J. R. Taylor, D.D.,	" C. T. Williamson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. Girtanner,	Elder J. H. Condit,
" R. P. Milliken,	" James Marlatt,
" C. H. Jones,	" Peter Van Lee.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. H. Vroom,	Elder T. V. B. Zabriskie,
" J. C. Vandeventer,	" G. Van Nostrand,
" W. H. Williamson,	" Abm. C. Holdrum,
" J. A. Van Neste,	" P. G. Hopper.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. Crispell,	Elder James Wisner,
" J. H. Whitehead,	" Edward Kip,
" Edward Lodewick,	" J. J. Storms,
" L. G. Jongeneel,	" E. K. Van Arsel.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. O. Fleet,	Elder W. B. Mitchell,
" H. W. Teller,	" S. P. Roome,
" G. S. Garretson,	" E. J. Baxter.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. A. Trimmer,	Elder P. Mead,
" E. Van Hettloo,	" Jno. Wittie,
" C. M. Parlee,	" Henry Ball.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. B. Voorhees,	Elder David C. Voorhees,
" Adrian Westveer,	" J. R. DeMott,
" N. I. M. Bogert,	" Levi Reid.



SECUNDI.

Rev. A. R. Van Nest, D.D.,	Elder Geo. F. Gordon.
" Josiah E. Crane,	" Edward Voorhees.
" C. F. C. Suckow,	" Daniel Bohl.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jno. L. McNair,	Elder Jno. L. Dolliver,
" W. E. Davis,	" J. N. Groendyke,
" Marion T. Conklin,	" Jeremiah S. TenEyck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. M. Doolittle,	Elder Lawrence Vanderveer,
" Edward G. Read,	" W. T. F. Ayres,
" Geo. Davis,	" E. M. Bedell.

ARTICLE XX.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following were reported by the nominating committee and were appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York.—Primarius, Rev. A. N. Wyckoff. *Secundus*, A. A. King.

To the Particular Synod of Albany.—Primarius, Rev. W. H. Clark, D. D. *Secundus*, Rev. A. A. Zabriskie.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago.—Primarius, Rev. Jno. Jansen. *Secundus*, Rev. Garrett Wyckoff.

Member of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary.—Rev. W. R. Gordon.

ARTICLE XXI.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXII.

ADJOURNMENT.

A cordial invitation was extended to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in the First Reformed Church of Somerville, N. J. When it was

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn, it be to meet in the aforementioned church, on the first Tuesday in May, 1890, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

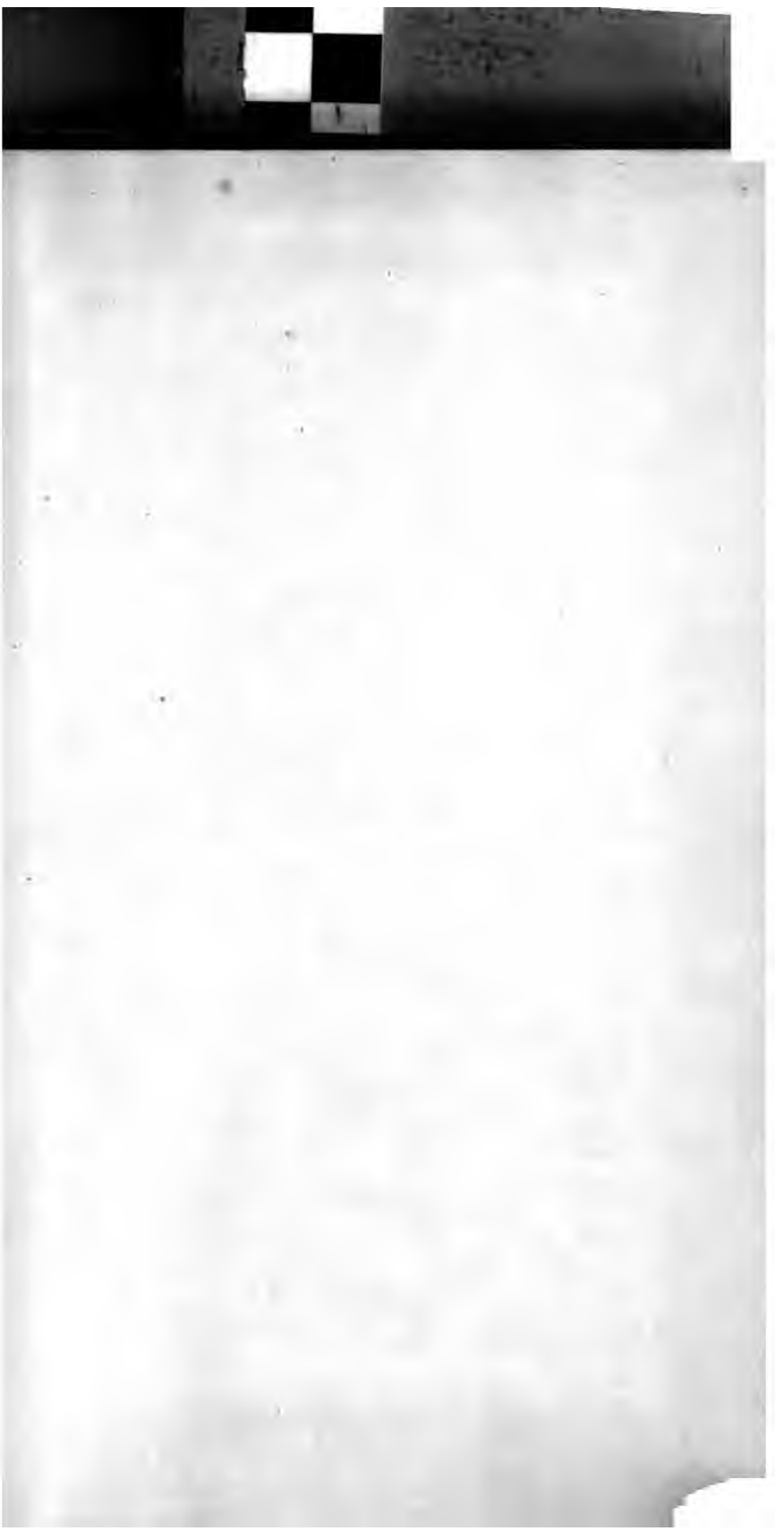
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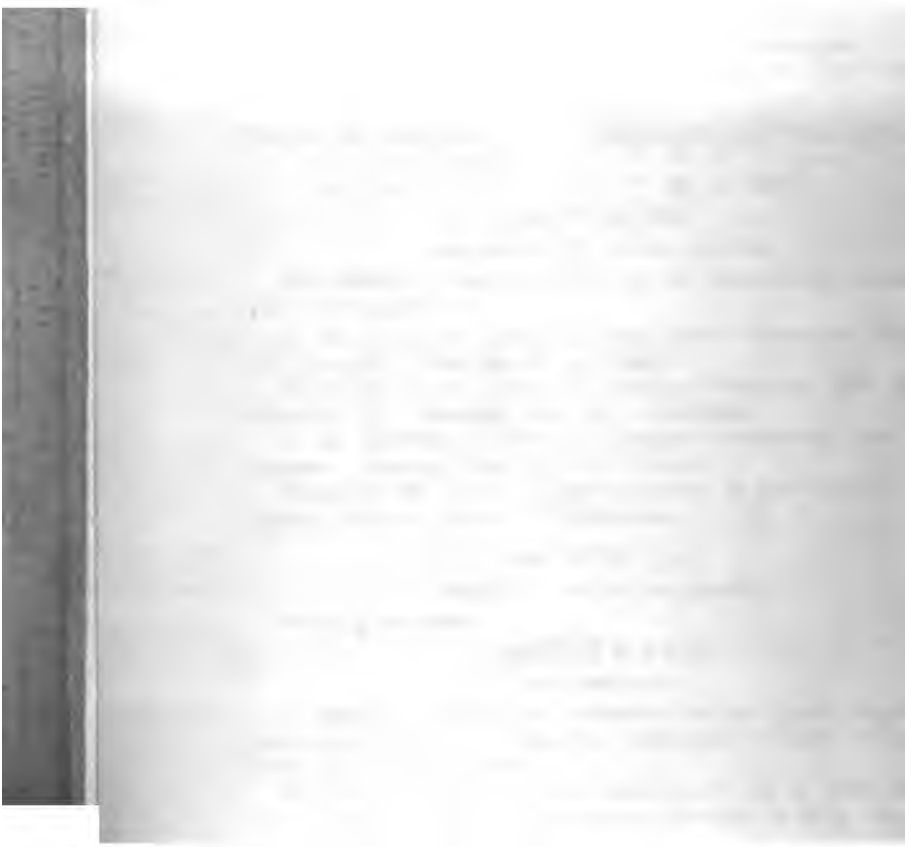
The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by the President, the doxology, and benediction by the Vice-President.

J. PRESTON SEARLE, *President.*
ANSON DU BOIS, *Vice-President.*

A. HAGEMAN, } *Clerks pro tem.*
G. WYCKOFF, }

RALPH W. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*









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